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Who pays?

Joe Becker Stadium, which sits on the corner of 3rd and High Street, lies in financial limbo as city officials consider asking Missouri Southern to help pay for maintenance and upkeep. Joplin receives no revenue from the stadium.

City may ask Southern to foot bill

Cost of Joe Becker more than city has

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As Council members search for ways to increase revenues and avoid further drains on the city's general fund, at least one member of city government has suggested that Missouri Southern and other groups using Joe Becker Stadium pay for its upkeep.

"Do we really need to be putting money into Joe Becker Stadium that the city of Joplin does not use?" asked Leonard Martin, city manager, last week. "Maybe the people using that facility should be combining resources to take care of that facility."

According to Martin, the proposal is one of many possibilities as the city seeks to bolster sagging income.

"This is an example of things that the city is using general revenues on now that need to be looked at," Martin said. "There are probably dozens of them, but we used that one be-

cause that is real evident."

According to the Joplin parks and recreation department, the total annual budget for Becker is \$14,967. Martin indicated that should outside groups assume fiscal responsibility of the stadium, the \$14,967 would be reallocated to the city's general fund.

Costs to Southern's athletic department and baseball program in particular would not be significantly effected, according to Jim Frazier, men's athletic director.

"If they want us to administrate it, we'll administrate it," Frazier said. "But we would administrate it with a fee structure to where it would pay for itself. That is the only way we would take it."

Presently, the stadium brings no revenue to the city, and Southern pays no fee for its use.

"We do not pay the city anything, obviously, for the use of that," explained Dr. John Tiede, Southern senior vice president. "We put monies into it in the sense of upkeep or whatever Coach [Warren] Turner needs. So we do have an investment in that sense."

Frazier explained that the issue has been raised before, but the city declined to address the plan submitted by him and the College.

"Approximately five or six years ago this very same question came up, and Coach Turner and I met with the city manager at that time," said Frazier. "There was a mood on the part of the city for us to assume the administrative responsibilities of Joe Becker Stadium."

"We put together a plan of financing which would involve a charge. An example would be American Legion would be charged for rental and each high school would be charged. We had put together a budget that we felt would be administratively sound."

City leaders rejected the proposal to avoid negative reaction from groups facing the user fees imposed under the plan, according to Frazier.

"They didn't like it," he said. "They didn't like the idea of charging people. They didn't want the reaction from groups using the facility."

The stadium once served as the home of the Joplin Miners minor

league franchise, and baseball heroes such as Mickey Mantle and Stan Musial have played at the stadium. The stadium's history, however, translates into advanced age.

Frazier indicated problems and expressed a need for the city to bear some of the responsibility for upkeep.

"Part of my presentation included the continuation of the city absorbing the utility expense, and we would be concerned with the maintenance and improvements," he said.

While he believes the playing field is in excellent shape, Frazier noted the seating area as one possible area for improvement.

"The fan area is less than adequate," he said. "The lighting is not bad, but I think the light poles need to be replaced."

Martin has indicated that asking Southern to help pay for the stadium is no more than an idea now, and no plans are in the works. He did suggest, however, that the question might be posed during budget ses-

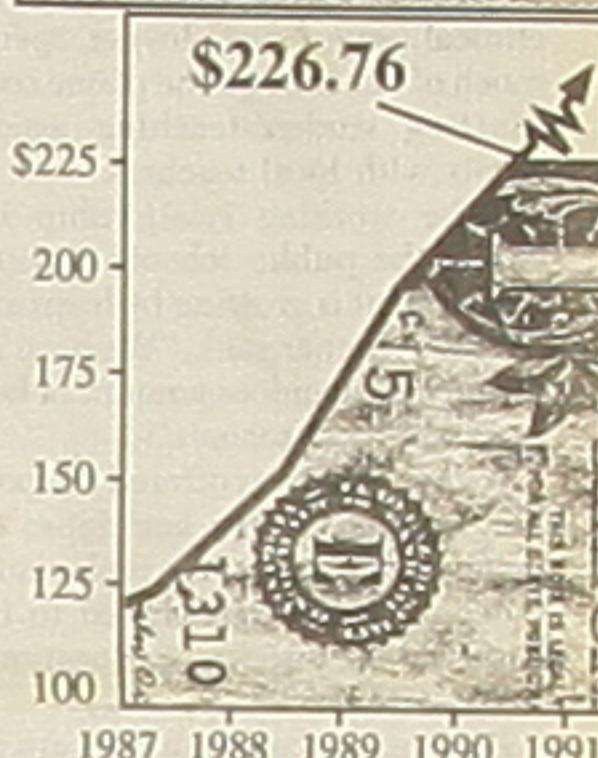
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cost double in the last five years and felt because of this latest increase he had to pursue other alternatives.

"A man has to look at the economics of things," Tillman said. "If I can save \$75 with essentially the same coverage, then I'm going to do it. I need that \$75 to make ends meet."

Tiede said the consortium of Missouri colleges and universities to which Southern belongs ran up a \$360,000 deficit from September 1989 to May 1990. In the last four

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Graphic by Steve Sakach

months, Southern itself has caused a \$74,000 deficit.

"In late July, we had a meeting with our consultant," Tiede said. "They gave us the information they had, and at that point we realized what kind of an increase we were looking at."

The consortium signed an agreement with Blue Cross last year that stated if any profits were made those would be passed on to the colleges and universities. If there is a deficit,

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Leon looks for modest increases

Large enrollment upsurges may be on the way out

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Forecasts for increased college enrollment in Missouri are bleak, but College President Julio Leon believes Missouri Southern might be able to overcome those predictions.

According to the 1988-89 Report of the Public Schools of Missouri, the number of high school seniors in Missouri has been dropping steadily over the past years. In 1979, there were 68,500 high school seniors, but 10 years later that number fell by more than 12,000.

Leon attributed the diminishing class size to birthrate, saying the dropout rate has remained "at least constant."

"We just know that 17 or 18 years ago fewer children were born," he said. "So this is just a demographic incidence."

"Because the high school population is going to decrease over the next few years, this is probably going to be the last year in which we are likely to have an increase in the number of freshmen attending Missouri Southern, or really any other college."

In order for Southern to maintain stable level of enrollment, Leon said the composition of the student body may have to compensate for smaller incoming freshman class. Another prospect is for the College to retain more of the students who are currently attending.

"Just as in the public schools, we have what you might call a dropout rate," said Leon. "We lose students because they may not have been very well prepared in the first place, or, as it inevitably happens, there are some reasons that are

beyond their control and beyond our control."

"Within that number of students who drop out, there is a portion of them that we can do something about."

Leon asks the College to be aware of this need to retain more of the students it recruits.

"Actually, it's easier to maintain enrollment by insuring good retention than it is to go out and recruit new students all the time," he said.

"Every department needs to be very conscious of the majors they have and hopefully keep better track of their students."

Dr. Robert Brown, acting vice president for academic affairs, said retention is always a concern.

"Among state-supported schools in Missouri, we are about in the middle in terms of rate of graduation," he said. "So our dropout rate is not out of the ordinary, but we would like to see it improve."

Leon said while enrollment is a concern, increased enrollment is not necessarily a goal of the College.

"I think that right now we are pretty much at capacity," he said. "And I think that you can see the obvious signs."

He noted the parking problem and scheduling difficulties as indications of Southern being "stretched."

Brown does not think Southern's growth hinders the quality of the institution.

"We've experienced rapid growth over the past few years because of our improvement in reputation," he said. "and it has caused a few difficulties, but they are happy difficulties."

Official fall enrollment figures will not be compiled until the end of the

fourth week of classes. Leon estimates the current enrollment to be around 6,000 students, approximately 150 to 200 more than last year.

"It's difficult to say what capacity is," he said. "It is my personal feeling that the campus can enroll a total student body of about 7,000 to 7,500 students depending on the composition."

Russell Smith, past president of the Board of Regents, predicted five years ago that the campus would have 6,000 students enrolled today. He expects the growing trend to continue.

"During the next five years, we may increase our enrollment levels to a maximum of 7,000," Smith said, "but I would hope our full-time enrollment increases to 5,300 students."

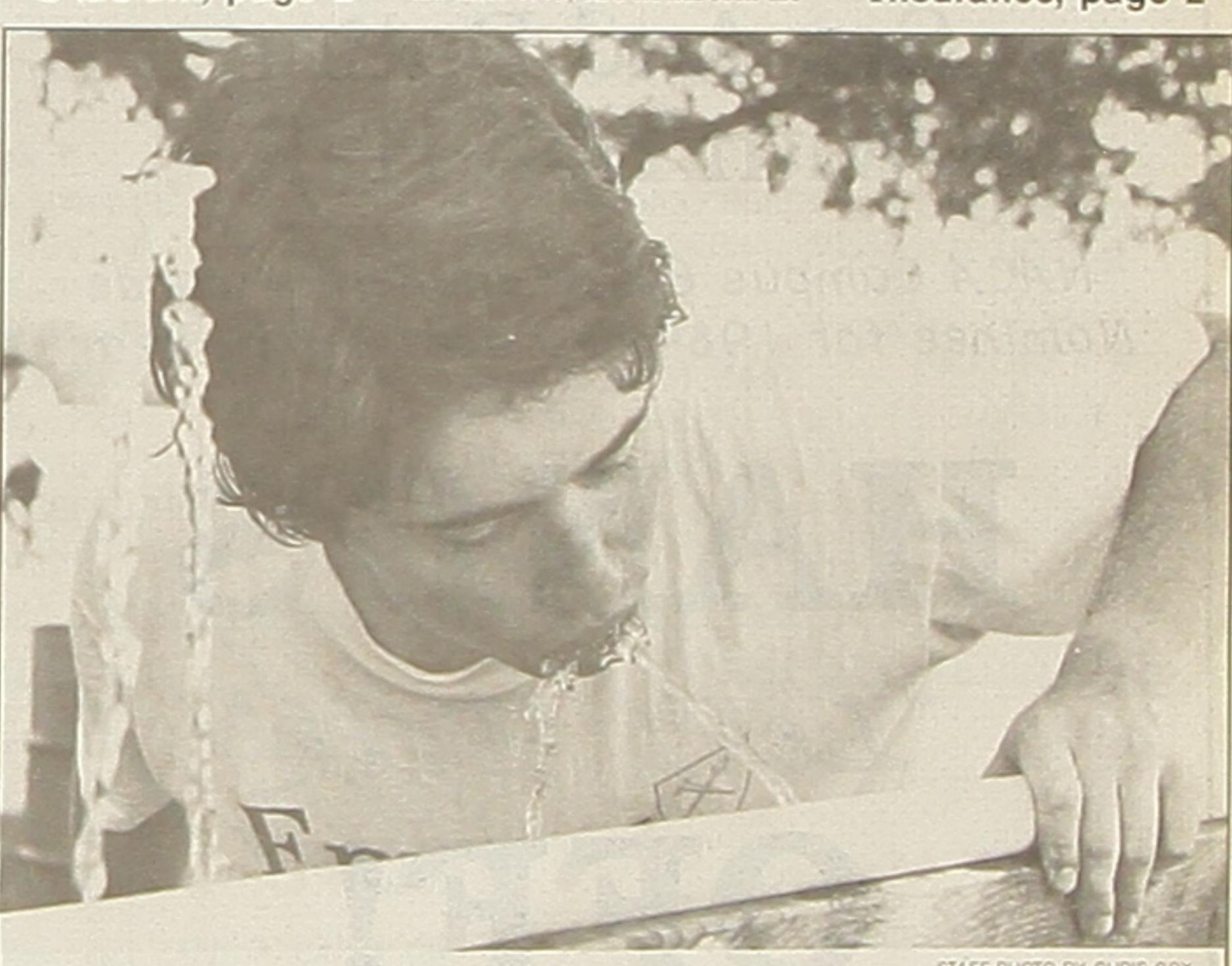
If enrollment goes over 7,500, Leon said in order to maintain the "smallness of the institution" the College might have to begin restricting access.

"If we are going to grow more, we are going to have to have more resources from the state, and the outlook for that is not very good."

Leon said the new international mission might push Southern to capacity, defying the predictions of decreased enrollment.

"As we face the implementation of the international mission, we might find the College becoming known for quality education with an international emphasis," he said. "If this is successful, it is quite possible that the demand might be significant enough that we may have more students wanting to come here than we can accommodate."

"I think that our enrollment is going to continue to go up, but at a modest pace."



Cooling off

Paul Hood, junior communications major, takes time to get a long drink of water during rugby practice Tuesday afternoon at a fountain near the biology pond.

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Freshmen get clinical experience Joyner becomes new director of teacher education program

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Freshmen who want to become teachers now have the opportunity to find out early if they are right for the job.

Dr. Roseanne Joyner, recently named director of teacher education, will oversee a program which

takes freshmen and sends them out to different schools for clinical experience. The program, called the Freshman Experience, involves students making comparisons and case studies on their experiences in the classroom. According to Joyner, the program is designed to help students decide early if teaching is what they want to do.

Dr. Ed Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology, sees the program as kind of a weeding-out process.

"It's a time where we find out 'Do they really want to be teachers?'" Merryman said. "They will have an

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it can either be left with Blue Cross by terminating the agreement, or the colleges can pay it off by raising the premiums, which the consortium has elected to do.

"I'm convinced, based on the information that our consultants have given us, that it's not a matter of Blue Cross making a big profit off of us," Tiede said. "It really is a matter of us having a lot of claims."

"Historically, we've had some wrangling about whether Blue Cross is too high in their administrative costs. We pretty well got that hammered out last year."

The consortium is weighing several options that could lower or maintain current prices. They include:

■ Managed health care, which involves entering a contractual agreement with a preferred provider (doctors, hospitals, etc.) where both parties are locked into fixed price levels. This can reduce effects of the med-

ical inflation;

■ Wellness programs. Although Southern already is involved in a wellness program, other colleges and universities in the consortium are not. This is a long-range type of health-care plan that can reduce claims;

■ Low option plans. This can provide families with less expensive monthly premiums. However, it also would include less benefits (such as higher deductibles). This would be preferred by families who rarely use their coverage. The College currently has one major medical comprehensive plan;

■ Varying dependent coverage. A policy could be split up with different rates for families who need either just the spouse covered or both the spouse and the children.

The consortium will meet this month to discuss the options it is investigating.

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sions during the next two months.

Frazier said he is not worried about coming up with a plan for a Southern-based administration of the stadium. Such a proposal could be worked out in short order, but such a proposal is unlikely, he said.

"I think that we're going through a full cycle," Frazier said. "We talked about it and they didn't feel comfor-

table with it, so they forgot about it. Now it has come up again, and we'll talk about it. But I don't think they will feel comfortable with it, and it will remain as status quo."

"Everything's working fine. If it's working, why fix it? I think that's the way it will end—nothing will happen."

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opportunity to make that kind of decision."

Cooperation from local schools has been plenty, according to Joyner, who works closely with area teachers in placing students in classrooms for clinical experience. Joyner spends much of her time on the phone coordinating student-teaching assignments with local teachers.

"The working relationship between the public schools and our department is growing by leaps and bounds," Joyner said. "We have received a tremendous amount of help from the local schools."

Joyner, who was offered the position in June, began her duties officially on Aug. 13. She replaces Ed Wuch, who was reassigned to the library as the director of educational media and services.

Because education majors are required to have clinical experience in the classroom, it is likely they will pass through Joyner's class at one

time or another.

"I'm getting to know students well inside the classroom and out," she said.

Merryman said convincing Joyner to take the position was difficult because of her desire to teach.

"Your better faculty are going to be your better teachers," he said. "You hate like the dickens to take her out of the classroom. We had to do a lot of talking with her because she loves to teach. She has really good organizational skills and people skills."

"She is a very ambitious and hard worker."

Before becoming director, Joyner carried a nine-hour teaching load. She also spends three hours per week assisting the department prepare for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) visit in October. She now carries a seven-hour teaching load.



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Work of art**Program catching on**

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Licenses plates bearing the mascot of Missouri Southern soon may appear on local automobiles as a result of a bill designed to increase scholarships at state higher education institutions.

The bill, passed in 1988, established a program that will offer special plates bearing the logos or mascots of participating schools to raise money for scholarships and other academic expenses.

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, the College is participating in the program. Kreta Gladden, director of alumni affairs, is heading efforts to implement the program here, but questions have been raised about feasibility. A minimum of 450 plates must be ordered before the plates will be made.

"There have been some concerns raised about whether enough orders would be made," said Chris Christman, president of the alumni board. "We would have to look at the exact costs and what markets we are looking at."

Any community college or four-year public or private institution can authorize the use of its official emblem. Plate buyers must donate at least \$25 to the school. In addition to that fee, buyers will have to pay

the regular \$18 to \$40 fee for a plate and a \$15 personalization fee. Total cost would be at least \$58.

The program is catching on elsewhere in the state, as about 10 institutions are working to implement the program. According to Roger Gafke, vice president for development at the University of Missouri-Columbia, more than 200 persons have made requests for plates that would feature Truman the Tiger, MU's mascot.

Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), sponsor of the bill, calls the program a "win-win" situation.

"It's a way for the schools to display their emblems or logos, and it also financially helps a lot of students who might not have that kind of help."

Wilson said the program is modeled after a similar program in Florida, where more than 50,000 plates have been ordered.

"It was kind of a stolen idea," he joked.

Wilson's bill is one of the first bills aimed at assisting higher education that has not been met with political opposition, a claim he is eager to make.

"It's one of those fun pieces of legislation that had no downside to it," Wilson said. "It's going to be fun."

Painting show gains response

MSTV program garners many mail

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Though artist Jerry Yarnell says he has never had a "regular" job, he does have his own television program, "The Inspiration of Painting."

According to Yarnell, his program is different from other art shows on television. Whereas his show is an instructional program on fine art techniques, the other shows are on decorative art.

Yarnell, 37, said his shows are geared toward working with acrylics. Although he realizes acrylics are the most difficult medium to work with, Yarnell said educating people about them can be simple.

"Acrylics are extremely versatile," he said. "You do not have to be a Van Gogh to understand and work with acrylics."

"The Inspiration of Painting" was born out of the fact that he wanted to make his seminars more accessible for the public. Since Yarnell was 19 years old, he has been teaching seminars nationwide through art organizations and art guilds.

An individual approached him with the idea of having his own art show, and a station in Springfield became the first to air his show. From then on his shows have been seen throughout almost all of the United States.

After checking around, Yarnell began taping his shows at Missouri Southern's television station, MSTV, because the cost was so astronomical at other places.

"When we contacted them, we found a high interest for that type of programming," he said.

Yarnell donates the original pieces of art done on his show to Southern in lieu of payment for the use of the facilities.

According to Judy Stiles, community services director for Missouri Southern telecommunications systems, the taping of Yarnell's shows allows an opportunity to have additional exposure for MSTV. Some 63 TV stations in 19 states were carrying the series in July, and renewals for the fall indicate an all-time high.

Instead of the traditional 30-minute show, where a work of art is

finished within the time limit, Yarnell takes four to five shows a piece. When taping at a studio, he generally does three to four shows per day and three shows for an instructional tape.

The instructional video tape is a complete study guide. These tapes are usually sold after each of his shows.

"I am a teacher at heart," he said. "I like to share my experiences."

"No matter who you are, there is something for everyone. You do not have to go to an expensive college to learn how to paint."

Yarnell's favorite subjects are wildlife and landscapes, and he enjoys painting anything God has created.

Born in Tulsa, Yarnell moved to his current residence in Mexico. He will be doing shows on Southwestern art.

"I love the Southwest," he said. "The colors are a lot more distinctive, diverse, and rich. Everything is sharper and more distinct."

Yarnell gave up two scholarships for college because he did not want to go to college. He had the desire to paint nude models and modern art. Since he was 19, Yarnell said he has been interested in art and was painting on sidewalks and at art shows.

"The Lord is an inspirational work," he said. "If you never see God give you, you will be unhappy, because what you are searching for might be right under your nose. You may not be able to see it, but look for what God gave you."

Yarnell realizes people are great relief in painting and his shows bring people much joy.

He said he has been working building a national mailing list of collectors, working with galleries, teaching seminars, and his shows.

Yarnell, who is married and has two children, said his first show came in 1984 when he won a show in Milwaukee's Westside stage show. Since then he has won more than 60 first-place awards.

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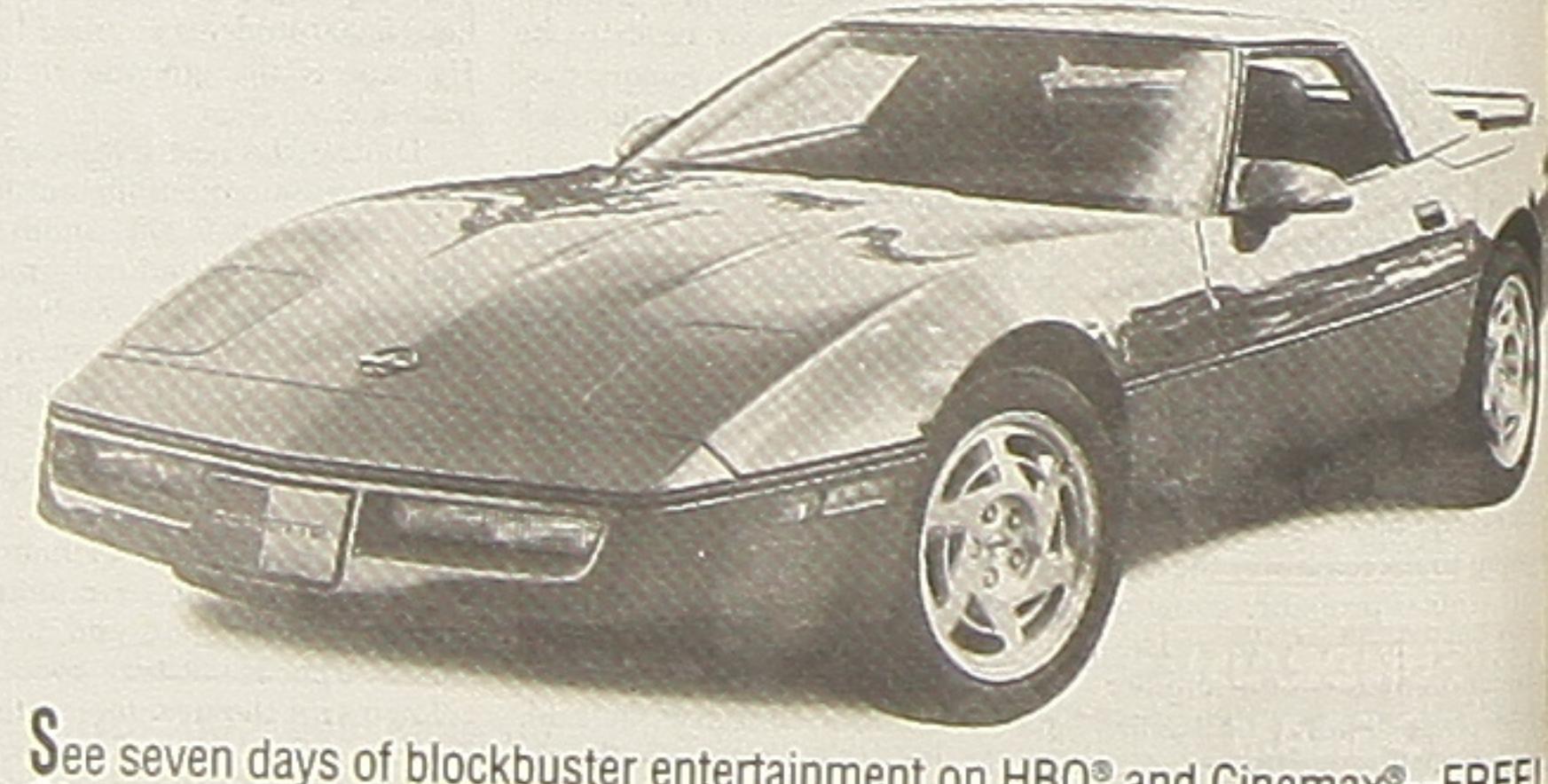
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International club seeks members 'Community' receiving good response

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

With the new look at international education, Missouri Southern now is searching for students who may be considered part of an international community.

To become members of the community, Ann Allman, foreign student adviser, said students must meet one of several criteria. Non-citizens of the United States (F-1 or green card students), political refugees, or students having one or both parents of international origin are eligible.

"We are having such a good response to the search," she said. "We are wanting to expand it to people who have had some overseas experience, because they too are really interested and want to keep some contacts with the international community."

"When we do things of an international flavor, we can notify them (students) as to what is going on."

—Ann Allman, foreign student adviser

After a request, Allman began allowing students born overseas and those who have lived overseas at least one semester to become part of the group.

"I love it when someone calls me and asks 'Do I count?'" she said.

Allman thinks there are more students at Southern who can belong to these groups than are on her list.

"This is an effort to find these students," she said, "so when we do things of an international flavor, we can notify them as to what is going on."

Allman is forming a categorized list by countries as well to determine sub-groups within the community. She said this will be helpful when students are looking for someone who might have a similar ethnic background. Combining those students will then become another priority of the international campus search.

Allman said many foreign students are uprooted from their homes in order to attend college, and the international list will enable foreign and American students to check on each other and make sure they are adjusting to their surroundings.

In addition, with the help of Vivian Leon, part-time instructor of music, host families are being located to give international students needing a "home away from home" an environment receptive to their particular culture and needs.

According to Allman, several American students already have expressed their interest of cultural awareness through the International Club.

"For example, if someone wants to visit another country we can find someone who is from that country and they can talk about some of the customs and ways of life."

Technically, Allman said the College has to keep track of a certain number of international students for reporting purposes. There are different admission requirements for certain types of internationals than there are for a traditional student because of immigration laws.

"Since we did not really have an



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Camera face

Members of Dom Caristi's T.V. Production class work on an assignment Tuesday afternoon. Students receive practice in preparation of television programs.

Instructor wins international award Schultz donates equipment won to school of technology

BY DIANE VAN DERA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

In June, Don Schultz, instructor of manufacturing technology, competed internationally in computer-aided drafting/computer-aided manufacturing, winning first prize in the faculty and graduate student category.

Schultz entered a 3-D mesh still image of Missouri Southern's mascot in the competition sponsored by CADalyst magazine. The lion's head was first plotted in 22,500 points to create a design that could be used with a vertical drilling machine. A solid wood machine-made carving of the mascot emerged as the finished product.

"The contest I won was actually for the graphics part of it—the plotting, the piece of paper," Schultz said. "The really incredible thing is being able to manufacture the image. I mean that (computer graphics) was pretty easy for me."

Schultz worked on his entry from the beginning of April until the contest deadline of May 31. He said the

idea had existed for years, but he never developed it until he learned of the contest.

Schultz first became interested in computer-aided drafting while working as a software design technician for a Tulsa company.

"All I did was sit around day-dreaming. I picked it up by reading manuals and trying to make the computer do what I wanted."

As a prize, Schultz received software updates for the CAD/CAM system he used and a Sketchmaster digitizer for use in the drafting program.

As a thank-you for the use of Missouri Southern's CAD/CAM system, Schultz donated the equipment he won to the College. He made an agreement to do so with James Maupin, dean of technology, prior to entering the competition.

"I don't even own a computer at home," Schultz said. "I would rather have it here for the students anyway."

According to Schultz, the new equipment and hardware is a great help to the students.

This was the first year the maga-

zine held the contest, which will become an annual event.

"I think they were trying to get some recognition for the work that's done in the CAD/CAM development," Schultz said.

There were more than 200 entries from the United States and other countries, including Czechoslovakia and Korea.

The entrants competed in seven categories, which were sub-divided into still images and computer-generated animation.

Schultz said Southern's technology students are eager to compete in next year's contest. He anticipates at least three entries.

The awards were presented at the Autodesk Expo in Atlanta, where Schultz had the opportunity to see software and hardware from companies around the world. He said he was "not particularly" impressed with software from outside the United States.

"The Americans have still got it over everybody else as far as software design," said Schultz. "We're a much more creative people."

Manager available for BSC

BY JAN GARDNER
CHART REPORTER

Approval has been given to the Billingsly Student Center to hire a part-time night manager, allowing it to remain open until 9 p.m. as usual.

Due to financial constraints resulting from an unapproved budget, the BSC previously was unable to hire a new night manager and was forced to close at 5 p.m. each day.

Doug Carnahan, director of student life, says hours will return to normal as soon as someone is hired. Until then, Val Carlisle, BSC director, will continue to stay late two or three evenings per week.

Carnahan is unsure about who will be hired for this position, but says he will consider "outstanding students."

Carlisle said they also will consider hiring a recent graduate, retired person, or someone who does not mind working evenings and some weekends.

"We're hoping for at least a part-time position...a combination activities director, maintenance man, and security guard all rolled up in one," said Carnahan.

It was previously thought, due to insurance, that a professional would need to be hired, but Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said insurance will not play a part in the hiring process.

"There is no insurance policy on the building—period," said Tiede.

The BSC operates through the legal defense fund which comes from the state. All employees, student or professional, are covered under this system.

Money for the position will come from a combination of the student help budget and money set aside for part-time employees.

Carlisle is looking forward to the hire of a new night manager to enhance the quality of entertainment the building provides.

"We would love to improve and expand the services that this building offers," she said.

"It would have been a real step backwards for us to have closed," added Carnahan.

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OUR EDITORIALS

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We already pay

The Joplin City Council's suggestion that Missouri Southern should pick up some of the tab for Joe Becker Stadium employs a kind of "pass the buck" mentality that is confusing from the College's standpoint.

Turning the stadium's maintenance costs over to its users (Southern, the American Legion, Joplin High School) is one measure the Council will consider over the next couple of months. Currently, the city budgets almost \$15,000 for the stadium. Should the city get its wish in the matter, that \$15,000 would be placed in Joplin's general fund.

Southern should not be asked to pay for use of Joe Becker Stadium. Concerns over the cost of field maintenance are valid, but much of the maintenance on the field is performed by Warren Turner, head coach of the baseball Lions. Each fall and spring, Turner's players not only become shortstops or outfielders, but they also spend much of their time as groundskeepers, mowing the outfield, keeping the infield playable, and doing other maintenance-type duties that keep Joe Becker Stadium an attractive place to play baseball. Also, Turner is employed part-time during the summer months as a groundskeeper. There is no doubt the American Legion baseball organization and Joplin High School do their share in keeping the stadium in shape.

Granted, Joplin does not receive revenue from the stadium, but it wouldn't be practical or sensible to ask an institution, which greatly aids the area economy like it does to suddenly begin paying for the use of one of the city's public facilities. How much revenue does the city receive from some of its parks whose only purpose is to provide a swing or shade on a hot day?

It is understandable that the city is uncovering every rock in an attempt to find potential revenue, but this effort by Joplin may only serve to alienate the College and force the baseball team to take its act somewhere else.

Library closure

If you were a resident student and wanted to use the library as a place of study last weekend, you were out of luck.

The library opted to close on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday in honor of Labor Day weekend. This is puzzling, considering the library usually is open on weekends.

Closing the library over the weekend was even more questionable, now that this week represents a big examination week campus-wide.

This year, the library has expanded its hours to better accommodate the students, but students quickly forget about those expanded hours when, for no apparent reason, the library shuts down for the weekend. Though the library's closure was announced ahead of time, many students still were shocked to find the doors closed Saturday and Sunday, and they slowly walked down the hill to their cars, shaking their heads along the way.



America is suffering an addiction to oil

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Since America decided to boycott Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil in the wake of the most recent Middle East crisis, I have heard griping about the gas pump in epic proportions.

That's why I wanted to take this space to collect all the arguments into one collective moan so everyone can silently nod to themselves and continue to fill their tanks.

One of the main arguments I saw came at the beginning of the situation in Kuwait. At the mere mention of an embargo, the oil companies upped the prices by as much as 30 cents in some places.

When price gouging was suspected (as it wasn't obvious) the government got hard-nosed and asked them to quit. I was under the impression that price gouging was illegal, but apparently—since they didn't burn a flag—it wasn't that big a deal to the nation's leaders.

At least, when oil prices go down, we'll get a break; right? Wrong! In a recent issue of *The Joplin Globe*, a story reported that although crude oil futures had dropped sharply, prices at the pump are not expected to drop for weeks.

I may not fully understand the workings of the free market, but I find it somewhat curious that the same type of speculation that drove gas prices immediately



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up will not drive them immediately down.

Obviously I'm not the only one who thinks this. Christopher Dyson, research director for Buyers Up, a Ralph Nader-led consumers group, said that while oil companies make excuses for this type of pricing practices, "essentially they're gouging the consumer."

As if all this unfairness isn't enough, we get the shaft right in our own backyard. I'm talking about the local gas station owner who decided to give half-price gas to the relatives of soldiers sent to protect Saudi Arabia.

While the legality of this situation is certainly intact, it is ethically unsound. It is a fact that the people who have been sent to the Middle East so far were volunteers. They were not drafted. They didn't get blind-sided by the crisis. For whatever reason, they joined the military with the knowledge that they may be called to serve overseas.

If I were to join the Peace Corps and sent to Bangladesh, should my family receive special discounts? After all, I, like soldiers in the gulf, am a volunteer. I joined the Peace Corps with the knowledge that I could have been sent overseas. It was my choice just as it is a choice to join the military.

Another problem with this practice is the message it sends to other consumers who aren't so fortunate to have relatives in Saudi Arabia. Those soldiers are fighting for the whole country, not just their families.

The whole country is having to endure higher prices, so it is completely unfounded to offer discounts to people by virtue of who they are. It is clear-cut

discrimination. It is as if this gas station owner is saying that the rest of us are not worthy of such a discount because we have no relatives in the Gulf. The gas station should offer these discounts to everyone.

My final gripe has nothing to do with the crisis in the Middle East, but is yet another aspect of distaste with the oil industry and those involved.

In the past two years, oil spills have devastated the Alaskan coastline and soiled Galveston Bay. Will the government get tough with this type of carelessness? How much of our environment will be ruined?

All this points to one simple fact. We are too dependent on fossil fuels. This country is suffering an addiction unequalled by even the drug world.

Let us think of the comparisons. The slight back on the supply of this drug brings painful withdrawal symptoms. A greater supply brings greater demand, and total withdrawal would mean death. And just as an addict denies there is a problem, this country turns its back on the pollution and violence caused by the need for oil.

The only solution I can see is a switch to an alternate fuel source, a detoxification, if you will. If the United States needs fuel, but certainly if we can find a top priority we could come up with an energy source that is both more plentiful and less dangerous.

Such a turning away from oil companies and countries would put an end to the violence that occurs when supply and demand don't meet. It would end the stranglehold the oil companies have on us and the local rash of unfair business practices.

Make the Student Senate work for you

BY MARY HANEWINKEL
STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

Since I was elected president of the Student Senate last April I have had many people approach me with ideas concerning what the Senate should do in the coming year. It's great to see that both students and faculty are seeing past the Senate's role as an allocator of funds. While this is a major function of the Senate it is not the only one. The other officers and I have been busy planning how we can improve your Student Senate. There are many opportunities for Senate to work for you. We serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration; give our support to the many other student organizations on campus, and assist and support activities such as athletic events, the Phon-A-Thon and theatre productions.

This past summer Karen Taylor, vice president of Student Senate; Lori St. Clair, treasurer of Student Senate; and I attended a student government conference at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Texas. We attended workshops and lectures designed to improve our leadership and organizational skills. We also had the opportunity to meet with other student government leaders and found out what they



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have been doing.

The primary message we received was if we put our minds to it we can accomplish anything. With this in mind we are going to work hard to change the Senate's image from mere bank teller to a viable source of information for the student body, as well as a group that supports every aspect of campus life.

The Student Senate is your voice on campus. The other officers, Karen, Lori, Pamela Chong, secretary of Student Senate, and I have been working hard to build our credibility and earn the respect of the student body, faculty, and the administration. We want the Senate to be known for its ability to field new ideas. We plan on making research an integral part of Senate's work. One idea that the officers and I are very excited about is the establishment of a new Senate committee of campus monitor.

We plan on giving one or two senators the responsibility of compiling the newsletters and minutes from the other organizations on campus, as well as any Faculty Senate and administrative meetings. In this way the Senate will be able to have a better idea of what is going on around campus. We can decide then what issues and activities we would like to involve ourselves in and/or lend our support.

We want to promote the accessibility of the Senate, not only of the officers, but of the 36 senators as well. Once the new senators have been elected this Sep-

tember, we will be posting their names as well as pictures in a prominent area in the Billings Student Center. It is important for the student body to know who their senators are and that they are available.

This summer we have had a phone installed in the Senate office. We are currently working to establish consistent office hours, and they, along with our phone number, will soon be posted all over campus.

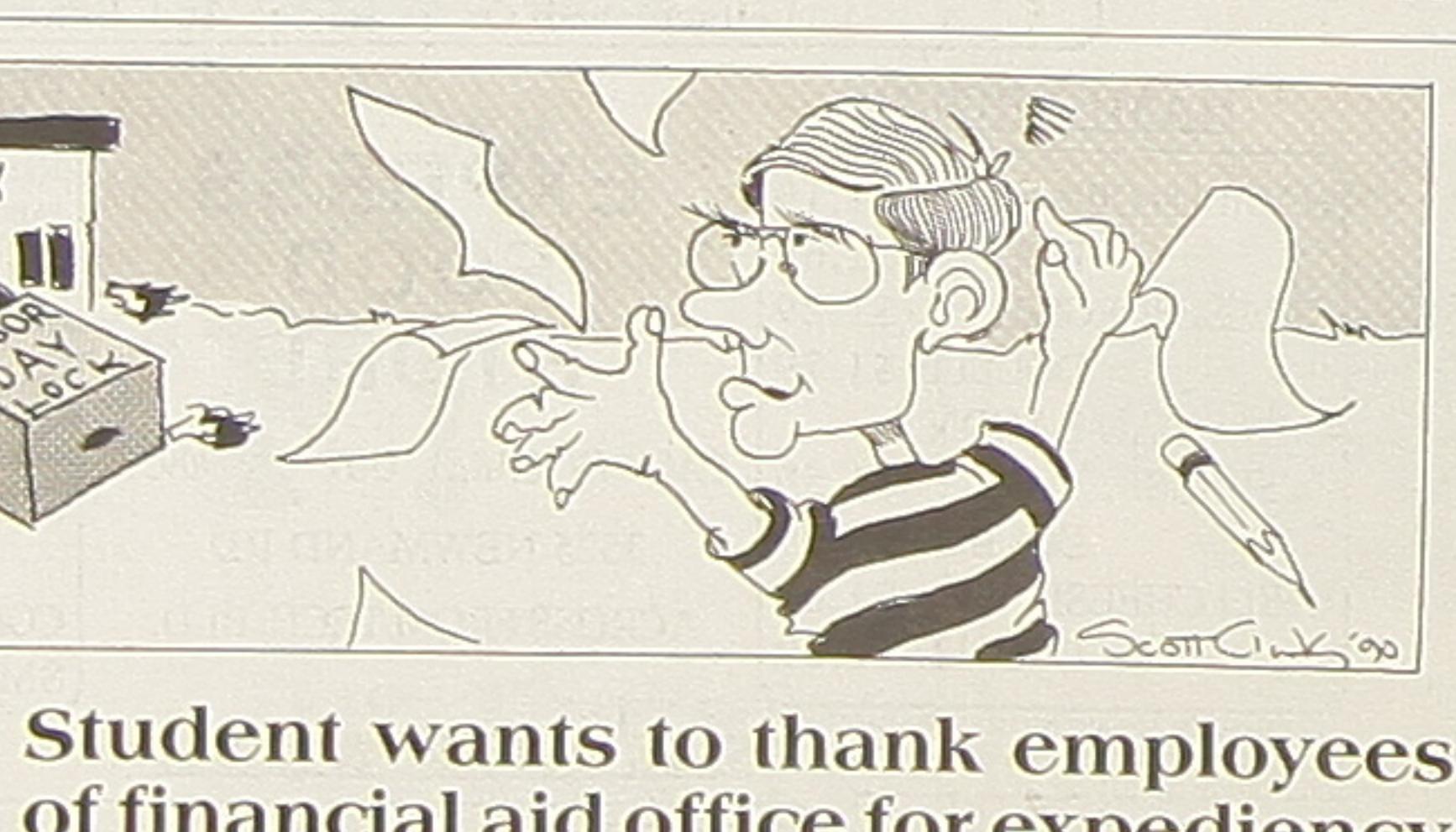
Before the first Senate meeting on Sept. 20, we want to gather the new and returning senators together for a picnic seminar. This picnic has two purposes. The first is to give the senators a chance to know each other and develop a rapport with another, so discussions during meetings will be easier. The second purpose is to review parliamentary procedure and other basic rules that help the Senate meetings run smoother. By doing these two things, we hope that the senators will have the confidence to speak their minds concerning any issues and resolutions that come before the Senate.

As you can tell, I have a lot of enthusiasm and expectation for the coming year. I try every day to pass that enthusiasm on to the other officers. We plan on passing it on to the other senators. Hopefully, the entire student body can share in the excitement, too. It is up to every member of the student body, faculty and administration to utilize our services. That is our goal!

I challenge each and every one of you reading this article to make the Senate work for you. We want the opportunity to live up to our new motto, "The Senate is here to serve."

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.



Student wants to thank employees of financial aid office for expediency

I wanted to take the time to express my thanks to our financial student-aid officers and staff. When this semester started I heard absolute horror stories concerning the grants and loan distribution. As the days passed, I found out that those students that fulfilled their part of the obligatory paper-work received the monies they applied for. I received my loans and grants, minus the amount of the tuition on Saturday of

the first semester week. I commend the finance and business office for not making us stand around like mindless cattle. I'm certain the new system is much better from a security standpoint. I get good feelings about the supportive attitudes I have seen from the finance-aid students and supervisors. Thanks!

Michael Penn Lee Herndon

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Hostage situations differ for Iran, Iraq

'Humiliation' of U.S. helped Republicans

ALBOLHASSAN BANI-SADR

FORMER PRESIDENT OF IRAN

Editor's note: Albolhassan Bani-Sadr was president of Iran from January 1980 to June 1981, when he was ousted by the backers of the Ayatollah Khomeini. He now lives in Paris.

Since the United States remains the only viable gendarmerie for the industrial world, and Saddam Hussein the man in the Middle East most prepared to act out his regional ambitions, the clash between the two comes as no surprise. After all, for a leader with a million-man army and billions of dollars debts incurred during the war with Iran, the invasion of cash-strapped Kuwait has a compelling, desperate logic to it. For an oil-dependent West-dominated by industrial powers who believe the oil wealth beneath the desert monoliths is their own—the massive response to this stab at the heart could have been expected.

Confrontation was inevitable, especially given the vacuum caused by withdrawal of the Soviet superpower into isolationism. And, as in last world-scale confrontation in the region during the early days of the Iranian revolution, the chief expression of violence toward the West has been the taking of hostages.

In this age of interdependence, Western power is largely projected its citizens abroad, making them vulnerable soldiers on the front lines of the clash between cultures. The West understands this, so did the Ayatollah and so does Saddam Hussein. Hostage-taking, as I know from personal experience when American diplomats were taken hostage by the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on April 4, 1979, is an irreversible act. It reflects a state of relations between the two powers in conflict in which there is no going back. Although it is a reaction precipitated by particular events—in Iraq's case, the U.S. military presence and embargo; in the Iranian case the announcement that the U.S. would officially support the son of the Shah as ruler's replacement—taking hostages is based on a solid logic of clear objectives in mind. At the same time, paradoxically, hostage-taking reveals common interests held by the parties in conflict.

The goals of taking hostages differed in the case of Iran and Iraq. Yet, here again, an objective con-

In Iran, the act contradicted the original aim of the Iranian revolution. Before the hostages were taken, our revolutionary efforts were directed at replacing all foreign influences with Iranian elements and severing all links with the West.

The taking of hostages contradicted this effort because it locked our fate into that of the West. Although militant and "anti-imperialist" in tone and form, taking Americans actually confirmed Iranian preoccupation with U.S. power as the core of world relations—something continuously denied over the years in arms deals and compromises such as the Iran-Iraq episode.

Why, then, were the hostages seized? Because Ayatollah Khomeini wanted to establish a religious dictatorship in Iran and in the process neutralize intellectuals, the majority of the religious figures, the urban middle-class and workers. With the taking of American hostages, Khomeini found he could conveniently enlist the threatening "Great Satan" as his co-conspirator against the forces of democracy and moderation at home.

Objectively speaking, the hostage-taking also served American foreign policy interests because it ironically helped re-establish the influence of the West in Iranian affairs and dashed the interest of particular groups in the U.S. The protracted "humiliation" of the United States by the mullahs helped the Republicans capture the White House from Jimmy Carter.

In this, I am convinced, Republican Party elements and the ayatollahs consciously conspired.

Saddam Hussein has taken hostages for different reasons. With his power already well established at home, he wants to impose Iraqi hegemony over the region, for reasons of Pan-Arab ideology and the practical necessity of solving his financial difficulties.

Aware of his degree of interdependence with the West—he exports 90 percent of his oil to the West and imports much of his grain—Saddam probably did not at first figure hostage-taking into his aggressive scenario. However, the surprising resolve of America's reaction to the invasion forced him to take hostages as bargaining chips for his survival.

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EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Tropical Storms

Heavy rains from Typhoon Becky triggered a landslide that killed 12 students as it swept through a dormitory in the quake-ravaged northern Philippine town of Santa Fe. Another slide killed 48 gold-miners in a camp near Tuba City. Becky gained force as it later moved over the South China Sea, then skirted China's Hainan Island where trees were uprooted. The storm lashed the northern third of Vietnam late in the week.

Typhoon Abe was approaching the Chinese mainland south of Shanghai on Friday. Hurricane Gustav and tropical storm Hortense passed over the open waters of the Atlantic. Hurricanes Lowell and Kenna churned the eastern Pacific.

Terrifying Twisters

A swarm of tornadoes ripped through northern Illinois, killing at least 26 people and destroying an apartment complex, a school, and 90 homes. "I went outside and looked. It doesn't look like our town anymore," said a teenaged football player after the storm passed. It was the deadliest twister in North America since May 25, 1987 when 29 people died in Sarego, Texas.

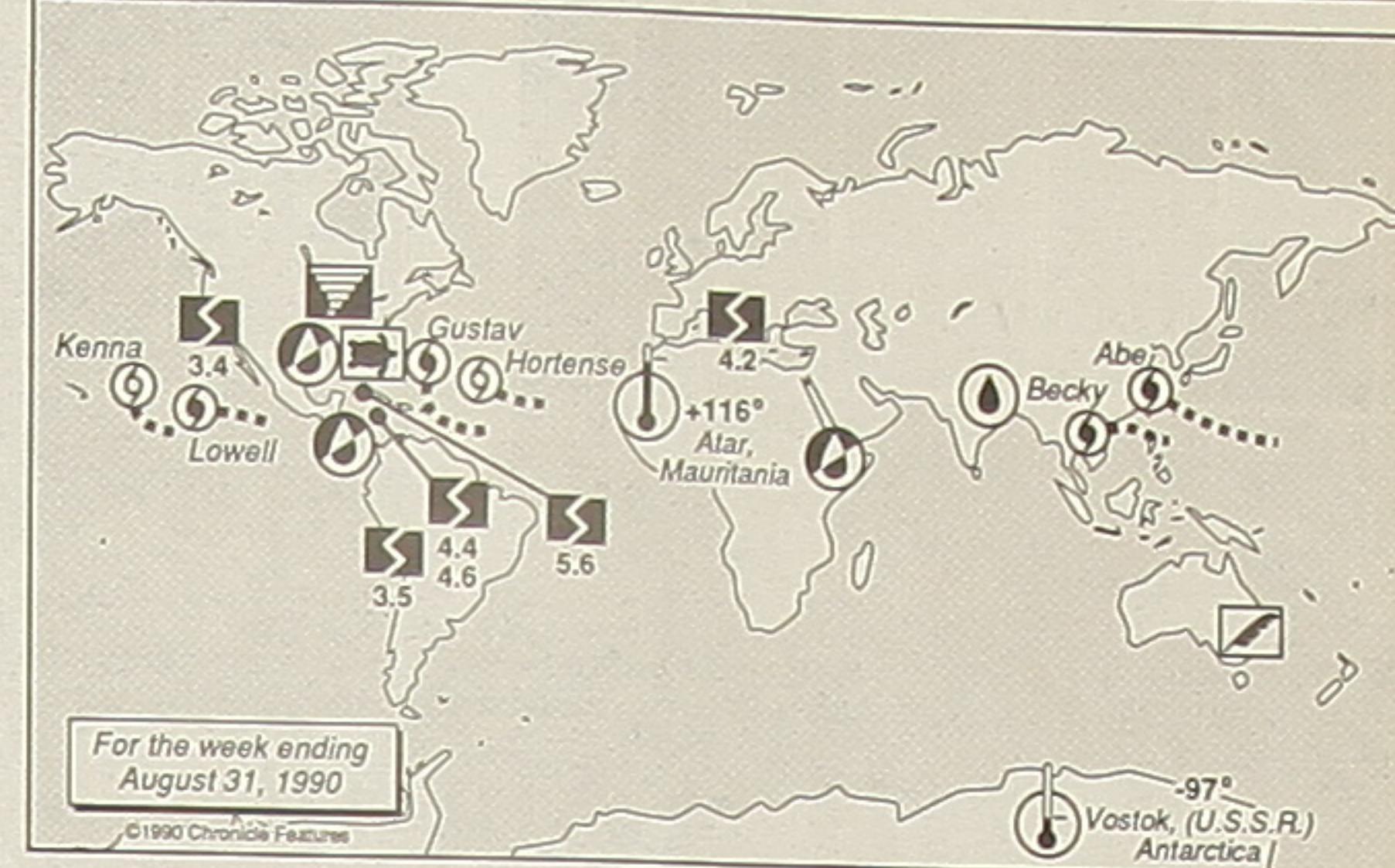
Monsoon

Monsoon rains claimed 50 more lives in western India, and unleashed further flooding from Nepal to Bangladesh. Landslides and erosion from surging rivers destroyed tens of thousands of homes. The southwest monsoon over the Indian subcontinent isn't likely to end until late September.

Drought

For a second consecutive year, seasonal rains have failed to arrive in most of Ethiopia. Up to 4.6 million people are faced with another round of famine.

A nationwide drought plaguing Nicaragua has caused extensive



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crop failures, especially in the north-east where nearly half of the total grains sown has been lost.

A summer drought has turned Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp into a tinderbox, and overcrowded alligators have started to eat each other. Water levels in the 396,000 acre national refuge are at their lowest in 20 years.

Turtle Hospital

A small hotel in the Florida Keys has been turned into a makeshift laboratory to help discover why mysterious tumors are killing green turtles around the world. Fibropapilloma, a non-cancerous disorder, causes tumors to grow so dramatically that they can be fatal. The head and fins become very distorted, and then the turtles can no longer feed. Tina Brown and her boyfriend Richie Moretti, who own the Hidden Harbor Hotel in Marathon, began caring for the sick turtles in the resort's tidal pool five years

ago. Recent funding from local environmentalists has allowed them to bring in marine biologists, and to become the first research center in the world to investigate how the disease is transmitted. Some scientists believe it is a naturally occurring disease that is contracted after the turtles' immune systems have been weakened by swimming in polluted waters.

Earthquakes

Two moderate tremors jolted Jamaica, and seismic experts fear that these might be a precursor to a bigger shock. Mona Campus, seismic spokeswoman for the University of the West Indies, said the frequency was similar to that of a series of small tremors which preceded the destructive 1907 Jamaica earthquake. Earth movements were also felt in Cuba, northern coastal Chile, Italy's northern Adriatic coast, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Lorikeet Lushes

Tropical birds near Bundaberg, Australia, are getting drunk on a roadside brew of fermented raw sugar, then staggering to their deaths in traffic. Dew settles on the roads overnight, dissolving sugar spilled off passing trucks from a local sugar mill. The lorikeets become intoxicated on the brew that results from fermentation in the hot sun. The potted parrots then wander into the path of passing cars and trucks. "All we could see was this squashed mass of green, with more birds still eating the sugar on the side of the road," said Rollyn Leslie after she and her husband found more than a dozen crushed parrots. Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service area manager Mike Harris said there was little that could be done to stop the birds and urged drivers to be more careful.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

German unity arrives with ease

ECONOMIST ▶ unlikely before 1991, because it was not clear that the Germans and the four wartime victor powers could settle quickly the external complications of German unity. Now, thanks to Soviet acceptance of a united Germany in NATO, the next round of the "two-plus-four" talks in Moscow on Sept. 12 looks likely to be the last.

The East German Social Democrats, who earlier pulled out of the coalition government after non-stop scrapping with the Christian Democratic prime minister, Lothar de Maiziere, would have liked East Germany to have joined the Federal Republic on Sept. 15—as soon as the two-plus-four business is concluded. de Maiziere and several other East German leaders preferred Oct. 14, the day the five East German Länder (states) are to be reconstituted and elections held in them. In the early hours of Aug. 23, the East German parliament at last settled for Oct. 3. For all the fuss bordering on farce, unity will have arrived with stunning speed and, bearing in mind all that might have gone wrong, with remarkable ease.

This is not to underestimate the problems. In East Germany the jobless total is soaring as firms collapse

under the blast of Western competition; farmers unable to sell their produce pour in their thousands into East Berlin to pelt ministers with rotten eggs and tomatoes. Investment from the West is only trickling in, not least because there are so many legal snags over property ownership. Far too many old communist hacks still have influential jobs. That dismal list makes it easy to miss the good news: the more than 60,000 small firms that have already been founded; and, after teething troubles with GEMU, the far bigger range of goods at reasonable prices in East German shops.

Nonetheless, the economic news may well get worse before it gets better, bringing with it a "hot autumn" of strikes, demonstrations, and fiercer election campaigning. It looks nasty—until you compare it with the literally hopeless shambles under the communists, or with the plight of neighbors like the Poles and Czechoslovaks, who can expect far less aid from the whole of the West than East Germans are already getting from West Germany alone.

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BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The United States has led the world community in response to the aggression and threats of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. American ships have cut off Iraq from the oil income it needs to survive, and GIs patrol the Saudi Arabian desert to protect Saudi borders. World and American public opinion is convincingly in support of these measures. The support is not unanimous, however.

The recent domestic protests opposing the American military presence in Saudi Arabia was never a question of if, but rather, when they

would begin.

Last week, the three major network newscasts treated viewers to pictures of picketers, candlelight vigils for "peace," and sound bites comparing the U.S. response to the crisis with the Vietnam War. Several soldiers have even brought the term "conscientious objector" back into the public vernacular.

America has developed, it seems, a protest issue for the 90s. Amateur diplomat Jesse Jackson traveled to Iraq and Kuwait last week to meet with Hussein. His trip not only secured the release of several of the American hostages, but garnered him a veritable goldmine of publicity. We have replaced "Hanoi Jane"

with "Baghdad Jesse."

Emotionally loaded rhetoric and inflammatory comparisons to American action in Southeast Asia do not serve any purpose other than to obfuscate the issues relevant to an intelligent debate on this world crisis.

To his credit, President Bush has prepared himself for the inevitable development of a peacenik movement. He has sought and received the backing of the United Nations, he deployed troops only after receiving a clear request from the Saudi Arabian government. American forces have maintained a defensive posture while preparing for offensive action should it become necessary, and he avoided use of the word "hos-

ters" and auto industry representatives have inaugurated a committee to conduct a feasibility study on the commercial production of CNG-burning vehicles. About 6,000 vehicles are currently running on CNG throughout the world—270,000 cars in Italy, 200,000 cars in the Soviet Union, and 110,000 cars in New Zealand and other countries where

natural gas is abundant.

By introducing such vehicles, Japan could diversify its energy sources, which are heavily concentrated on crude oil shipped from the Middle East, as well as help clean the air. The gas association is also hoping that practical application will help expand demand for natural gas.

welfare. The Iraqi record of violations in these areas is clear and irrefutable.

The longer the crisis lasts, the greater the likelihood of military conflict with Iraqi forces. Stories in the media have led one to expect the isolationist attitude to expand and the protests to grow in frequency and ferocity.

It has been suggested that the support Bush has at home will evaporate should Americans begin to see their sons and daughters returning home in body bags. Perhaps, but if and when fighting begins, Americans should take an inventory of the facts and let their opinion be molded by reason and not by emotion.

Inventory of the facts necessary

AROUND CAMPUS

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A lazy day Michelle Hurly, freshman undecided, runs through the sprinklers in front of Billingsly Student Center Tuesday.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Crossroads takes new angle in theme

BY JAN GARDNER
CHART REPORTER

In keeping with the new global awareness theme of Missouri Southern, *Crossroads* is taking on a new direction.

Christina Watkins, promotions director of *Crossroads*, is excited about the changes the yearbook is making.

"Making a World of Difference" is the theme of this year's *Crossroads*, which goes hand in hand with Southern's new global outlook.

"We want the themes and the concepts of the 1991 *Crossroads* to cross all boundaries," said Watkins.

Crossroads is initiating a program to increase student interest in the yearbook. Watkins is looking to widen the focus of the yearbook by including more students.

'Playfair' wants to get students involved

BY CHRIS COX
CAMPUS EDITOR

Tuesday, for the first time at Missouri Southern, the Campus Activities Board will sponsor a new icebreaker for freshmen.

"Playfair, the Ultimate Icebreaker" is an event aimed to get freshmen socially involved with campus life, according to Lori LeBahn, director of College Orientation.

"We wanted to provide an event for entering freshmen to make them feel more welcome," said LeBahn.

"'Playfair' provides a chance for freshmen to socialize with a large group of people."

According to a newsletter describing "Playfair," it is "a unique blend of audience participation comedy routines and non-competitive adult play exercises. It's the quickest way to turn new students into old friends."

LeBahn saw the event at an orientation leaders conference in California. It was aimed at selling itself to the leaders, and according to LeBahn, it sold.

"It's got to be the most successful

type of mixer activity," she said.

The Southern orientation staff thought of doing its own mixer this year, but according to LeBahn, there is no substitute to "Playfair." It is presented by a group of professionals who have been doing the mixer at different colleges for many years.

LeBahn said "Playfair" has proved to be "flawless" at other colleges and has gotten "rave reviews."

Attendance of the event is "strongly recommended." More than 900 freshmen in the 52 orientation classes have been asked to attend. LeBahn

expects a turnout of about 500. Those freshmen attending will receive extra credit.

"The focus is for freshmen," said LeBahn, "but anyone is welcome to attend. We need as many people to attend as we can get."

"Playfair" will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. It will last until approximately 9 p.m.

"I guarantee that the students who didn't attend will hear about it from others who did and they will wish they had come," said LeBahn.

Bike club plans more than races

BY PAUL HOOD
STAFF WRITER

Various activities highlight this year's agenda for the Missouri Southern bike club.

The club, which formed last year, is open to any interested Southern student or faculty member.

"The club isn't just for hard-core biking enthusiasts," said Kent Fisher, last year's president. "It's for any interested person at any experience level."

Brad Kleindl, instructor of business and a founding member of the club, also stressed the variety.

"We don't just do races," he said. "The club does a lot of country touring."

Kleindl said during rides the club often divides into smaller packs: fast, intermediate, and slower groups, so riders can set their own pace.

This year, the club will concentrate on five major goals: fun, exercise, biking skills, maintenance, and safety.

The first meeting, held Aug. 30, was an informal chance for members to get to know each other. Eleven attended the meeting, leaving the club down four members from last year. The club is positive about the turnout and expects this year's membership to be even larger.

Kleindl said the club is flexible and that members will set its agenda.

"There are many things the club could do," he said. "We could challenge other schools to races, hold overnight rides, or sponsor races. It

depends on what everyone wants to do."

Fisher, who plans to ride as the weather permits, said members want to have a picnic fall.

"When the weather turns cooler we'll probably have a ride and stop at a park to eat."

The club usually rides twice a week. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday front of the Billingsly Student Center. On Saturdays the club meets in various places. Last Saturday the club met at 8 a.m. for a ride to the Redding Mill area.

This weekend, some members will participate in the MS 150 Missouri Get Together Bike Ride to help raise money for multiple sclerosis research and services for those affected by the disease.

"It's not a race. It's a ride," Kleindl. "People would be surprised to see who goes. Everyone from kids to old people ride in the ride."

Riders raise money through pledges made by sponsors. They are required to raise a minimum of \$150 each, but many raise much more. Participants who collect \$2,000 will be invited to ride in a tour of California.

Anyone interested in joining the club or participating in the ride may contact Kleindl at 781-9776.

JLD offers alternative Program helps students find employer

BY CHRIS COX
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Job Location and Development program (JLD) offers Missouri Southern students an alternative to hunting for jobs in the newspaper.

According to Mindy Chism, coordinator of JLD, jobs are becoming available as quickly as positions are being filled.

"On Monday, Aug. 20, 20 jobs came in," said Chism. "Employers call looking for students all the time."

Chism said most employers are looking for students to work in food service, but a variety of jobs are available. Current opportunities include babysitting, retail sales, grocery store stocking, day-care help, and a job in a funeral home.

"The funeral home needs a night watch," said Chism. "Last year the job service recruited a mortician."

Some of the jobs offer a room with free rent. One example is a live-in position with an elderly woman.

All available jobs are posted on a billboard outside the financial aid office in Hearnes Hall. The jobs listed under certain categories pending on what hours or days employers need help. Approximately 100 jobs are listed on the board.

Chism said one common misconception students hold is that they automatically get the job they apply for. In reality, the JLD referral service and does not do actual hiring.

Students interested in getting a job through JLD first must complete an application. The student receives a student referral card. This card is taken to the employer, the typical hiring or rejection process begins from there.

"Employers want to know what students' skills are, what their schedule is like, and if they have a car," said Chism.

Around 1,300 flyers were sent to various employers around Joplin, Mo.,

complaining that "students are bad."

And that many are looking for work.

Chism said employers like to hire Southern students mostly because of their ambitious attitudes, and other things.

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MONDAY

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Musician looks to grad school

Brower wants a master's in counseling

BY DYANA PERKINS
STAFF WRITER

Laurie Brower, senior music major, is not an individual who believes in limiting herself.

At 22, Brower said she has accomplished a great deal both on the collegiate level as well as the personal. She has been actively involved with Missouri Southern's choir and band, as well as the Collegiates, a classical-swing choir. Southern Exposure, a small singing ensemble which performs popular contemporary music, also occupies some of Brower's time.

A newlywed of three months, Brower will graduate in May with a bachelor of science in education degree (music).

"After graduation, I'd like to work in the public school system and eventually teach at the secondary level," she said. "I'd also like to direct my own choir."

Brower said her past four years at Southern have been worthwhile because of the one-on-one experience.

"I appreciate the personal concern the professors have for the students," she said. "Southern is a good middle-ground, a combination of a small college and a big university, and its size allows for a more personal experience."

Before she graduates, Brower must complete two major-related projects. This semester she must do an observation in student teaching which, she says, is a clinical experience required of anyone entering the field. "I have to go to a local school system and observe a music class for a total of 56 hours," Brower said. "Although I'll be there mainly to watch the students and teacher, I will be allowed to interact if my help is needed."

In the spring semester, the Washburn, Mo., native must perform a senior recital, a requirement of all

seniors majoring in music. Brower said she chose her music for the recital with help from her voice coach.

"My theme covers the 12th century and moves up through the 20th century, including music from the Renaissance and the Romantic periods," she said.

Brower also will perform a clarinet solo. The recitals are held in Phinney Recital Hall and Taylor Auditorium during the spring semester.

Outside of her activities at Southern, Brower is involved with various musical projects. About three years ago, Brower and her husband made a tape titled *T.L.C.*

"The tape contains a mixture of contemporary Christian and Southern gospel songs," said Brower. "Both Tony (her husband) and I wrote some of the material for the tape, and we hope to have at least two more [tapes] out by next summer."

Brower keeps herself busy with her involvement in The New Bethel Singers, a gospel singing group consisting of herself, her husband, and her family.

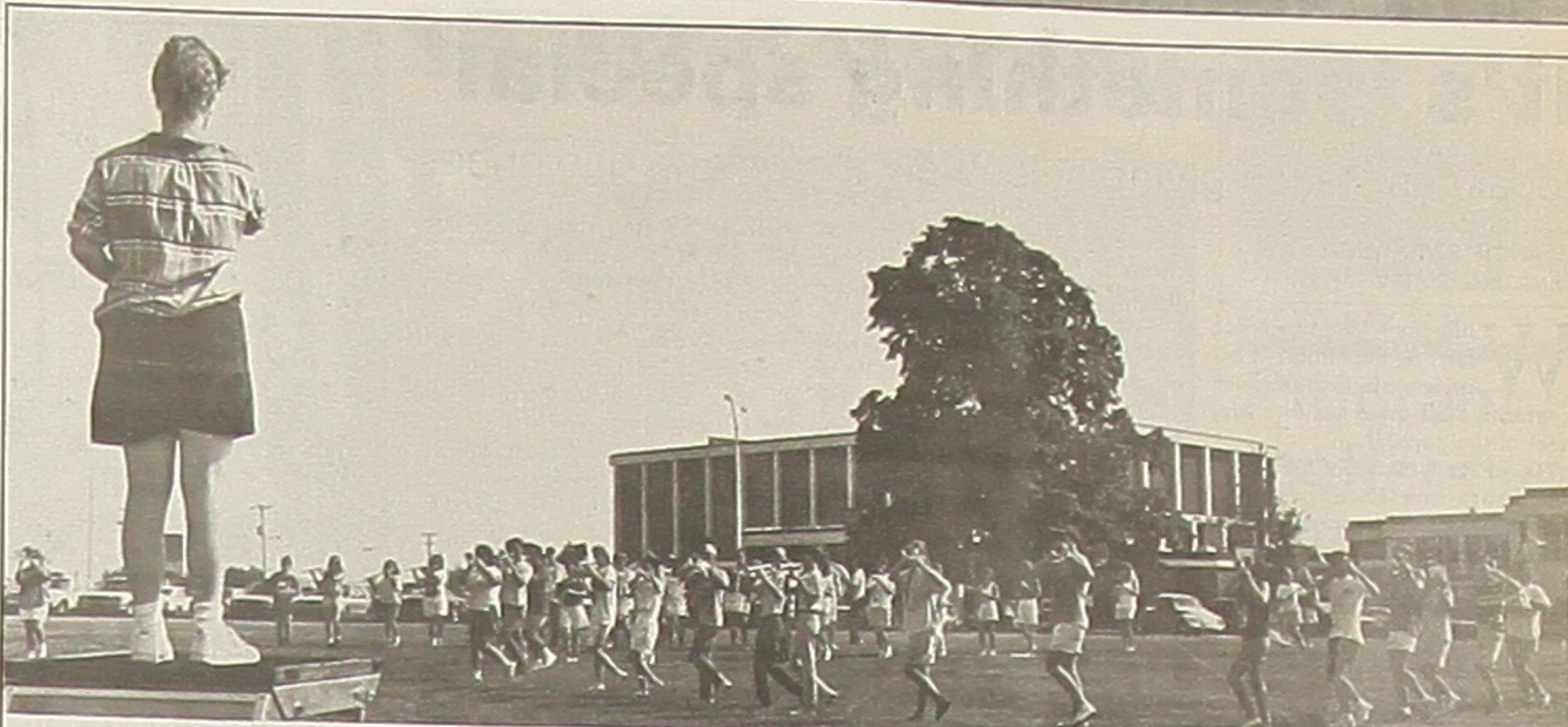
"We sing for various events, but really we sing wherever we're asked to," she said. "Every year we perform at Silver Dollar City for their summer festival."

Brower, who gave piano lessons while in high school, is beginning to do that again.

"I think it's important that young people are given the opportunity to play the piano," she said. "A lot of people miss the chance and regret it later in life. By playing, you can learn a lot about music. You can learn to appreciate it more."

Next summer, Brower plans to begin pursuing a master's degree, one that doesn't involve music at all.

"I would like to earn my master's in counseling," she said. "It's a field that has always interested me, and I'd like to give it a try."



In preparation

Southern's Lion Pride Marching Band rehearses Tuesday behind Taylor Auditorium in temperatures nearing 100 degrees.

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Ad club provides contacts, exposure

BY KELLY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Making contacts, gaining insight, and experiencing exposure to all aspects of the advertising field are activities Missouri Southern students are involved with as members of the Joplin Area Advertisers Club.

Not only are these opportunities being presented from a local perspective, but also from a national one. Jackie Johnson, senior art major, is one of the members.

"The club offers exposure to advertising in this area and on a national level," she said. "All forms are represented including print, media, and broadcast."

Business associates and community professionals affiliated with various forms of advertising comprise the

organization's base. This is the second year for Southern students to be involved with the Joplin club.

As a member of the American Advertising Federation, the club boasts membership on two levels—that of the professional and that of the student. The difference between the status is experience and exposure in advertising. Student members are not allowed to vote, however.

"Each meeting features different topic areas in the various advertising mediums, and one isn't strictly confined to information and possible experience that is concentrated to their own area of study," said Johnson. "The diversity and knowledge gained by looking at the big picture make one a marketable graduate."

The Joplin Area Advertisers Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at Twin Hills Country Club

in Joplin. At 6:30 p.m., the club begins with a mixer which leads to the 7 p.m. meeting.

According to David Noblett, associate professor of graphic design, the time before and after meetings is possibly important for students than the actual meeting.

"That time before and after meetings gives students the opportunity to make those important one-to-one contacts with working professionals in the field," Noblett said. "They receive insight and the relations of first-hand experiences from those already working in the field that know exactly how it is and what's going on today in the job market. You can't quite convey that as well in the classroom."

Noblett considered starting an on-campus advertising club last year until a student brought to his attention

that a local advertisers' club already existed. He decided it would be more beneficial for students to become members of the local group.

"Guest speakers from all over the U.S., professionals, and free-lancers in advertising are just a sampling of the people that students can interact with," Noblett said. "Such a cross-section of people and jobs represented in all mediums is definitely an asset to any student interested."

The club sponsors the Addy Awards, which are given each year to top projects in local advertising. Last year, student members had the opportunity to assist and watch judges critique projects first-hand. This gave them understanding of the advantages certain projects had over others. This year the competition will feature a category for student entries.

Art League plans field trips, other activities

BY KELLY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Bringing students together who are interested in art and broadening their exposure to visual arts are goals of this year's Art League.

Today's organizational meeting at noon in the Spiva Art Center will outline the club's agenda for the fall semester. The league also plans to elect officers for 1990-91.

Sponsors Benita Goldman, instructor of art, and Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center, encourage any interested students to join the league as it is not restricted to art majors.

"The group itself will determine what it wants to accomplish, and student participation is a must," Christensen said.

Twenty-four to 30 active members, many returning from last year,

are expected to set the pace for the club.

Along with trips to various commercial galleries in Kansas City and other metropolitan areas, the league also will focus on two to three community projects.

"A trip to Kansas City is tentatively planned in September with a visit to the Nelson Art Museum," said Christensen. "Other than that we are still in the planning and organizing stages."

Last year, student art work appeared in a calendar supported by the Area Agency on Aging. It was part of the Ombudsman Project, a program that focuses on Missouri's long-term care facilities and patients' rights.

During spring break, the league went to Chicago for two days and three nights. Members made a stop at the Laumier Sculpture Garden in

St. Louis and visited the Chicago Art Institute.

Chicago is home of the second largest number of commercial art galleries in the United States. Christensen said the students had ample opportunity to view a tremendous amount of exhibits during their short stay.

According to Christensen, one of the most important functions of the league is the on-campus art competition it sponsors each semester. Student work is shown on campus, and an outside juror is chosen to select work for the competition and then judge the exhibits.

This competition is usually held in conjunction with theatre productions or other campus activities in order to target a larger audience and possibly enhance the student body's and public's interest in the arts.

The competition is one of our

most important projects as it allows students to compete and publicly display their work," Christensen said. "All disciplines in art are represented, including paint, printmaking, ceramics, and graphic design. It is open to any student on campus who wishes to submit work, and all are greatly encouraged to do so."

Christensen said the greatest misconception about art is that many people think it is an elitist activity and that special knowledge is needed to fully appreciate it.

"That is just not so," he said, "because art is a personal experience and that experience is as exclusive as we are people."

Students interested in learning more about the club may contact Christensen at Ext. 593.

Auditions for production make casting difficult

Auditions for *Conundrum*, Southern Theatre's upcoming comedy-murder mystery, were held last week in Taylor Auditorium.

According to Tracey Eden, author of the play, director James Carter had his work cut out for him in casting this production.

"We had a great turnout," said Eden. "There was enough talent here to have cast the show twice. I definitely did not envy James' job of making the final decisions."

The students who auditioned were asked to perform a 60-second comic

monologue for Carter and an improvisation of the character they were most interested in playing.

"Some of the people were so good that it really got down to the wire in casting," said Eden. "James asked for much advice from professors and advisers in order to make a few of his decisions."

Rehearsals for *Conundrum*, described by Carter as "a roller-coaster ride of zany, eccentric characters and multiple endings," will begin Monday. The production will run Oct. 24-27.

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It's 'something special'

Local gas station giving select few a break on gas prices

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

While many consumers are fretting over inflated gas prices, a Joplin merchant is offering half-price gas to a segment of the population.

Dave Fagan, owner of Fast Stop, 3517 Range Line Road, began his "something special for someone special" program as a symbolic gesture for the armed forces recently deployed to the Middle East. The two-week-old program qualifies spouses, dependents, parents, and grandparents of those serving in the Persian Gulf to receive gas at half price.

"We really appreciate what the men are doing for the country," said Fagan. "We started talking about it and decided that this would be a good way to show support."

In order for the relatives to receive the discount, they first must go through the Red Cross and a local support group to obtain verification. There are limits on the amount of gas receivable, and only those within a 50-mile radius of Joplin qualify.

According to Fagan, the gesture has been well received. However, some questions have been raised as to the legality of the program and whether it is discriminatory.

Tamila Farmer, an officer for the Missouri Commission for Human Rights, said according to state law it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of certain categories in the case of public accommodation. These categories include race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, and handicapped.

"Since the discrimination, if any, in this case does not fall under one of these categories, it is not unlawful," said Farmer. "Many things are perceived unfair, but that does not mean they are against the law."

Discrimination, she said, is not synonymous with illegal, nor unfair.

"There is no doubt that this business gesture is treating a segment of the population differently," Farmer said. "Determining whether or not that is fair or unfair is up to each individual."

Fagan said he has not received any complaints.

"I don't feel that this is discrimination at all," he said. "Anybody who has a dependent over there is entitled to something special."

In examining the matter from an ethical business standpoint, Brad Kleindl, director of the Missouri Southern entrepreneurship program, chose three different perspectives.

"It is not bad for the business,

because they are getting publicity from this act of goodwill," he said. "For the families, it is an advantage as well. Are the rest of the consumers hurt because they can't buy gas at half price? At least two of the three parties involved are benefitting."

Kleindl called the situation an example of normative economics, determining who benefits and who suffers.

"It is unethical when someone benefits at the sacrifice of someone else," he said. "In this case, the average consumer is not paying higher gas prices and therefore is not suffering."

Fagan said even if some customers were to boycott his station because of the program, it will continue until the armed forces return from the Middle East.

"If people were willing to go against something like this," he said, "then I wouldn't want them for customers anyway."

Fagan has talked to several companies in an attempt to make the program nationwide. Kleindl is impressed with the idea.

"I personally think it's a great idea and a good example of the free market system providing an extra benefit," Kleindl said.



A natural high

Susan May has a friend on duty in the Persian Gulf, but only family members are entitled to half-price gas through Fast Stop's "something special" program.

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Council focuses on police, firefighters

Strained budget delays pension b-

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

City budget problems delayed approval of an amended pension plan for Joplin police and firefighters until a determination can be made on whether manpower reductions will be needed in these departments.

The City Council tabled a bill to amend a 1972 ordinance relating to the Policeman and Fireman's Pension Plan until the first officially scheduled meeting in December. The amendment, if approved, would change participant contribution rates and benefit eligibility.

Steve Weston, Joplin firefighter, opened discussion by asking that the Council approve the measure, putting into effect a plan approved by the membership in June. He said approval of the plan presented members with an unusual opportunity.

"This puts the city in a unique position where you can give a benefit to the employees and not cost the city any money," said Weston.

The proposed package would increase employee contributions and allow participants to retire earlier than under the current plan. The increased cost of the plan would be borne by those participating.

"The employees have agreed to pick up this amount out of our own paychecks," Weston said.

Concerns were raised, however, that the city's budget problems might force layoffs in the police and fire departments. This, in turn, would lower total contributions, thereby placing the fund in a financially questionable position.

"At the time the vote took place, the city wasn't in a financial crunch," said Steve Lea, a Joplin firefighter. "If the city should elect to decrease our manpower service, many through retirement, and not replacing them with new manpower to help earn

the plan, our plan would have more serious problem than we right now.

"It's pretty obvious that we want the plan," he said. "We would like you to do, until the financial problem gets betterable this until that time."

Joplin Mayor Cheryl Dandeneau said that when the Policemen and Firemen's Pension Board, which chairs, agreed to send the plan to membership, the city's financial situation did not seem to be a problem.

"I think at the time that it was not foreseen that there could be some financial problems with the city that will, if there are no layoffs, put a burden on this plan," she said.

"Since it will not affect anyone awhile, I really believe this should be tabled until after the budget session when we see where we're going with the city of Joplin."

The Council then opened the floor for the announced public hearing to consider the proposed 1990 city budget.

Joplin resident Terry Miller suggested possible revenue sources to Council consideration.

"There's a revenue source which was eliminated in 1983," he said. "One of these revenues could be reinstated. These revenues are the \$7.4 mill levy, the personal property tax, the city vehicle tax, and the tax on utilities."

The Council also tabled the consideration of a request by The Empire District Electric Company for a special use permit for construction of an electrical substation at 33rd and Oliver, voted to amend the Joplin City Code to include new sections on marijuana possession requiring drivers to maintain proof of financial responsibility, and approved an auction on Sept. 29 to dispose of surplus city equipment.

New restaurant provides variety and atmosphere

BY JAN GARDNER
CHART REPORTER

One of Joplin's newest eating establishments, Club 609, opened Tuesday with the goal of offering a unique dining experience to a variety of people.

Victoria Monsour, co-owner and co-manager of Club 609, said the atmosphere of the restaurant and bar creates the setting for a nice evening and a good time.

"What makes this place fun and unique is the interior," said Monsour. She described it as "uptown but down to earth at the same time."

According to Monsour, the new club offers something for everybody, featuring a varied menu with prices ranging between \$4.50 and \$14.

Sandwiches, salads, appetizers, and main entrees are all available.

Monsour said the meat and fish dishes come with a special sauce unique to Club 609.

The eatery, with television monitors situated throughout, plays continuous variety of music in the background. In the future, Monsour plans to incorporate live entertainment to provide additional ambience.

In the two days it has been open, Monsour said Club 609 has served an array of customers including college students, business people, and families. She attributes the mass appeal of the restaurant to the "unique and fun type of climate."

Club 609 is located at 609 Main Street, with parking available in the back. Hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

Football Lions to meet SEMO Saturday

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

Trying to regain the winning attitude that developed last year, the football Lions open their season at 7 p.m. Saturday in Hughes Stadium against MIAA foe Southeast Missouri State.

"Whether we can regain that attitude is something our whole season is going to hinge on," said Jon Lantz, head coach. "Each team develops a chemistry. We don't have one yet, negative or positive. No one has really stepped up and become a leader yet, but that might happen as the season goes on."

Lantz, last year in his first season at Southern, guided the Lions to a 6-4 mark—their best record since 1985.

As the season begins, one of the problems is something no one can do anything about: the unexpected heat wave which has played havoc with the football practice routine.

"The weather has been difficult. There have been times when the temperature on the turf has gotten up to 130 degrees," Lantz said. "You have to either schedule around that or just plan on getting a minimum amount of things accomplished."

Trying to reschedule practice sessions for the cooler evening hours also has been a challenge.

"On Tuesday nights I have eight of 22 starters in night classes. When we have that many starters gone, we might as well practice in the heat and just take a lot of breaks and drink plenty of water," said Lantz.

Even though the heat will affect both teams, most Southern players and coaches expect the heat and the artificial surface to give them an edge over SEMO.

"I think practicing out there in the heat is to our advantage though eventually we will wear out," said Lantz. "There is a different kind of conditioning that your body undergoes on our turf. It is a harder surface. Your knees and ankles get sore after a long workout, where on grass—which SEMO has—they wouldn't."

The other "big story" surrounding the squad is the status of the starting quarterback position.

"We have two No. 1 quarterbacks," Lantz said. "Whoever starts really doesn't say anything of any significance, other than we had to start one of them."

The two quarterbacks in question are sophomores Rod Smith and Matt Cook. Smith, who missed the entire 1989 season with a foot injury, played in six games his freshman year, splitting time between quarterback and wide receiver. Cook started the final three games last season in place of the injured Alan Brown and threw five touchdowns.

"I have great confidence in both of them," Lantz said. "They are dead even, but they are different about the way they accomplish what they do. Rod might run the football himself, and Matt might lead the team down the field and complete a few key passes."

The other players also seem content to see two different but equally talented signal callers sharing time on the field.

"They'll both do a good job for us," said junior wide receiver Heath Helsel. "They are both great guys and good quarterbacks. I don't care who is in there."

Smith and Cook both display a mature and unselfish outlook toward the two-quarterback setup.



Pep talk

John Reynolds, senior offensive lineman and a pre-season All-American pick, talks to teammates during a Tuesday practice as head coach Jon Lantz watches.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCILL

"We help each other out all the time," said Smith. "I think it could be an advantage for us, too, because I think other teams think all I can do is run, and all Matt can do is pass, and we each can do both."

"Then, when they start worrying about that, we give it to [running back] Cleon [Burrell]. It's all over."

"I think it helps us both," said Cook. "We go out everyday and try to do better than the other. You can't have an off day out there or you're in trouble."

Southern's first opponent will not

be a team to be taken lightly. The Indians are coming off a 21-7 win last week at home against Southwest Baptist University. They feature one of the top running backs in the MIAA in senior Steve "End Zone" Jones.

"We open with Southeast and come back with Northwest. That will be tough," said Lantz. "If a genie told me now that we would be 1-1 after our first two games I would have to be satisfied even though I hate to lose."

Lantz still sees room for improvement in the mental aspect of the team.

"They're still individuals right now. I am reminded of a quote by [Kansas City] Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer when asked last November how the Chiefs had become so successful. Schottenheimer said, 'It's simple. A group of men has now become a team of men.' There is a lot of wisdom in that, and that's where we are going toward. It will be an interesting year."

They plan to test for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines/methamphetamines every week.

So, why not invite the whole student body for a screening? Obviously, abuses of these drugs aren't solely an athletic problem, and wouldn't a more widespread program be more effective?

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Having recruited a number of freshmen and transfer students, Coach Tom Rutledge has doubled the size of last year's team. A total of 11 men and 10 women will compete this fall.

The two returning lettermen on the men's team are Mike Allen, a sophomore from Carl Junction; and Allen Moss, a sophomore from West Plains.

On the women's team are three returning runners, including the only senior runner and two-time MIAA conference runner of the week, Donna Boleski, from Wichita. Other returning women are sophomores Stormy Adams from Nevada and Chris Kensing from Fordland, Mo.

With a large number of freshmen and transfers, as well as an unknown level of competition, Rutledge is not making predictions regarding the amount of success the team may have this season.

Upcoming events for Southern's runners include a clinic by Joe Vigil, the head running coach for the U.S. men and women during the 1988 Olympics. He has trained teams from several countries and currently works with some of the world's top runners.

"He is the best distance coach in the country, perhaps in the world," Rutledge said.

Vigil's clinic on training volume and intensity will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, in Matthews Hall. Cost to the public will be \$2 per person.

Southern's first home meet is set for Saturday, Sept. 22. Known as the Southern Stampede, more than 20 colleges, including NCAA Division I schools, and more than 20 high schools will compete.

NCAA Division I schools scheduled to attend include the University of Missouri, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Tulsa.

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STEVE SAKACH

Program ineffective right now

I'm just a little curious about the logic behind the Joplin R-8 school district's "voluntary" substance abuse testing program.

The district has decided to expand its drug and alcohol abuse program for athletes by including substance testing as part of its educational offerings.

One maybe not-so-apparent problem with this is that they aren't going to test for anabolic steroids on a regular basis; the Missouri Southern crime laboratory is not set up for that.

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Again, how does the school district plan on making an athlete volunteer more than once so the periodic steroid testing might have some effect?

Perhaps we're moving into a land of both shadows and substance, things and ideas, and we've just crossed over into the Twilight Zone, but I thought volunteering usually refers to an act of exercising free will.

The program is currently set up so that before athletes can compete in their sport they must attend a drug and alcohol abuse awareness seminar.

Before the season starts, athletes, their parents, coaches, and administrators attend the seminar. After which, the students are invited to participate in the drug screening test.

That doesn't sound too voluntary to me. It's like jumping into a lake not because you feel like it, but because someone behind you has put his or her hands on your back and given a good, solid shove.

Imagine sitting with your Mom and Dad, your coach, and maybe one of your teachers listening to the dangers and stupidity of abusing drugs or alcohol. When the seminar is finished they ask if you would like to volunteer for the testing.

Mom says, "Of course you would."

Dad says, "If you don't want to, I'll make you want to."

Coach Smith or Professor Brown may make a mental note if you refused to take the test. They begin to wonder if you're some kind of junky, or worse yet...a liberal.

That doesn't make things so voluntary after all.

Although the R-8 school district's substance abuse awareness program does have several problems, it can educate students on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

With a little time and a little more polishing, however, it may be somewhat effective.

Southern opens with two-game split

BY STEVE SAKACH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After splitting two games in the Gardner Cup Classic last weekend in Kirksville, the soccer Lions travel to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Saturday.

Despite a 2-1 victory over UALR last season, Missouri Southern will face an experienced team with a more potent offense this time around, said Scott Poertner, head coach.

UALR shut out the University of Missouri-Kansas City 8-0 Saturday.

"We're going to have to concentrate on our defense a little more," Poertner said. "They have a real good forward on their team, and

they gave UMKC a thrashing."

After falling 2-0 to Northeast Missouri Saturday, the Lions bounded back with a 4-3 win against Missouri-Rolla.

"It was pretty much even through the whole game Saturday," Poertner said. "We had a couple of breaks and they had a couple. They were just able to take advantage of theirs."

The Lions missed on one-on-one opportunity and had a goal called back because of an obstruction penalty. The team had only five fouls against NEMSU compared to 27 in Sunday's victory.

"We weren't aggressive enough on Saturday," Poertner said. "We didn't use the striker like we should have,

and we also needed to play more as a team."

The Lions were only able to take seven shots in the loss to NEMSU, but the team outshot Rolla 27-16.

Sophomore Joey Caulk had two goals and one assist in Sunday's victory.

"The heat made a big difference," Caulk said. "It was 10-15 degrees cooler on Sunday, and everyone didn't get as tired. It helped us play together a little more."

Caulk blasted in his first goal after Mike Prater's 35-yard shot bounced off the goal post.

NEMSU tied the game 1-1, scoring off an indirect kick. But the Lions took a 2-1 lead when Caulk

headed a Chuck Mathis pass to striker Butch Cummins, who put it in.

Caulk scored his second goal early in the second half. He beat a defender, was tackled, but got up and chipped in the shot.

Mathis later added another goal from a cross by Prater, and the Lions held on for a 4-3 victory.

"We have to work on our defense," Poertner said. "We let down a little on our marking and tackling. It will come with time."

Saturday's game at UALR starts at 3 p.m. The Lions host Bethel College of Kansas at 4 p.m. Tuesday.



Paul Hood throws the ball to teammate Rob Bomar during rugby practice earlier this week. The team faces PSU at 1 p.m. Saturday. Behind Bomar is Michael Cummings, instructor in communications who is serving as head coach.

Volleyball squad to meet nationally ranked Portland

BY BRYAN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

After suffering a disappointing loss at Tulsa University Tuesday, the volleyball team will take the road again.

The Lady Lions will travel to the University of Missouri-St. Louis to take part in the Red and Gold Volleyball Classic, where they will meet

nationally ranked Portland State and Northwest Missouri State tomorrow and continue play on Saturday.

The team had chances to defeat Tulsa in the second and third games.

"They are a beatable team," said Coach Debbie Traywick. "I think we can beat them in October after we have more experience."

Traywick said the Lady Lions played better, at times, than any

team she has coached before.

"Then at other times they played like an inexperienced, young team."

Traywick said the team is working hard on improving its consistency and serving skills. She said the team is "learning the defense and now we need to work on positioning in the back row."

The Lady Lions are seeded sixth in the conference, ahead of Northeast

Missouri State, Northwest Missouri, Southwest Baptist, and Pittsburg State.

Traywick said they have a shot at beating Portland State.

"Physically they are not bigger or taller," she said. "They have three returning starters so they are kind of rebuilding."

On Wednesday the Lady Lions will travel to Point Lookout, Mo.

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Hussein 'reminiscent of Hitler,' says local writer

Pinpointing of Iraqi leader's exact movements must be first military action of Western forces

[Editor's note: Dr. Esber Shaheen is an American citizen, born in Lebanon and educated in the United States. He has a Ph.D. in engineering from the University of Tennessee and is an expert in matters of energy and the environment. He is well versed in the situation in the Middle East and travels there several times each year.]

Shaheen is the author of seven books including, most recently, King Fahd and Saudi Arabia's Great Evolution. He founded the International Institute of Technology in 1980 in Joplin. As president of the institute, Shaheen is involved in writing and consulting as well as training employees for various firms. He was interviewed Tuesday by Stephen Moore, executive editor of The Chart.]

Do you find that you have an expertise in matters of the Middle East because you have an insight into the personalities working there?

SHAHEEN: I have close relationships with a number of people there, and through the years I keep in touch, so I have a good understanding of the situation.

Do you find that from country to country, Arab nations are the same, or are there wide ethnic and political differences there?

SHAHEEN: The Arabs are one nationality of people that stretches from the Arabian Gulf, west to the Atlantic Ocean. These Arab people can be brown, dark, blue-eyed, or fair. When it comes to political beliefs, they all believe and aspire to one Arab nation. But this remains largely a dream because of many differences that exist between them.

Knowing Saddam Hussein, would you say that he is acting in the interests of his country or in his own interests?

SHAHEEN: Saddam Hussein is a ruthless man who dreams of leading the Arab nation. Certainly he is not serving the best interests of the average Iraqi citizen. He started the war with Khomeini, and that war lasted eight years. Nearly half a million Iraqis were killed in that war; half a million Iraqis were injured in that war. So how could he be good for his country?

What kind of personalities and political ideologies are at work in this situation?

SHAHEEN: Saddam Hussein, definitely, is an ungrateful, ruthless man. The psychological profiles are reminiscent of Hitler in the 30s when he started absorbing little countries like Poland. And then, his appetite was not quenched by absorbing one country, and a second one, and a third one, and finally there was WW II and tremendous destruction and millions of people killed.

Saddam Hussein dreams of leading the Arab nation, but this is nothing but a dream. His approach was that he would absorb Kuwait with its oil riches, and then he will turn on and absorb the Eastern region of Saudi Arabia and control the oil.

Once he controls the oil of the Arabian Gulf, he has a stranglehold on our lifeline in America and the West as a whole.

He is a very tough, mean character, ruthless, with no morality or ethics because he kills his own people.

What should America do to negotiate around the hostages held in Iraq?

SHAHEEN: It is a very ticklish and tough situation. My thinking, although I am not a military man, would be that our intelligence sources along with the intelligence sources of our allies, should be able to pinpoint the movement of Saddam Hussein and know exactly what quarters he is going to be in.

In fact, in my book, prior to any military action, the military action of utmost importance would be to find these headquarters where he will be, first. If he is finished during that operation, it will be much better for the hostages and the innocent people around the world. If he is not knocked out, before he departs from this world, God knows he will cause tremendous destruction and heartache.

Do you think Hussein's movement of hostages to strategic targets is in preparation for an offensive?

SHAHEEN: I don't think he is in a position to carry out an offensive now. It is too late for him.

Do you think he will eventually let the hostages go or will he hold on to them until the end?

SHAHEEN: What is sickening is that he is using them to the utmost now, and I predicted this from day one, and I was hoping and praying

we would have a way around it somehow so it wouldn't happen.

He will have a trickle leave every day. By the time you divide 10,000 by 100 leaving every day, you can see how long this can go on.

This can't go on this long. There is no way we will put up with it, and I am absolutely sure President Bush has other plans for Saddam Hussein.

Is there any way that our troops can really be prepared by their training in the Mojave desert?

SHAHEEN: Our troops are definitely prepared for fighting in a desert war; however, no matter how prepared you may be, to carry out a fight during the month of August is really murder.

We know the month of August is rough even here, so you can imagine how it would be in the desert. The ambient temperature is usually around 115 or 120 degrees, but you can boil eggs on the surface of the sand.

But now, the weather is changing. Another 10 days and it will be very pleasant in Saudi Arabia. In fact, the best weather probably would be between Sept. 15 and Feb. 15. So, who knows, Saddam Hussein may have something waiting for him during the coming month.

Do you think, then, that America may launch an offensive?

SHAHEEN: It is very possible. Don't forget, there is a blockade carried against Iraq. Some skirmish may develop from that that could trigger some strike, either massive or surgical. On the other hand, if Saddam Hussein was to injure one single American hostage, I think America should unleash its might against him.

Who are Iraq's allies at this time?

SHAHEEN: His allies at this time are, sad but true, the PLO, under the ill and sick leadership of Yasser Arafat, who's in my book a disgrace to the Palestinians because you find lots of good Palestinians. The Palestinians have a good cause, they have been driven out of their home, they are entitled to a home, and no matter what happens in the Middle East, the whole thing will go back to the core problem in the region which is the Palestinian and Israeli problem. The Arabs essentially agree now that the Israelis should live in peace in their own boundaries but the Palestinians should also have a home and live in peace in the region.

So, we come back to the people on his side. The PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, is on his side along with a good number of the Palestinians. I think it is a sick decision, it is an ill decision, it's a disgrace to the cause of the Palestinians, but I'm not disappointed in Yasser Arafat. I have always thought he is very sly, a very unprincipled character, but it looks like birds of the same feather flock together so he is with Hussein.

There is some support, to some degree from Yemen, and some support from another extremist in the Arab land, [Muammar] Gadhafi of Libya. King Hussein of Jordan is walking a very tight rope. He has always been pro-Western, he has always been a statesman, and a moderate man, but in this episode, he is siding, to some degree, with Saddam Hussein although he is saying that he will abide by United Nations resolutions. So there is only a handful on his side; however, he is banking on the thought that if he can drag the situation out longer, through demagoguery or what have you, then time will be on his side and he is hoping that Arab masses will increase in number to be supportive of him.

Do you think his number of allies is growing at this time?

SHAHEEN: No, his number of allies is not growing at this time; however, with time, circumstances could be created in such a way that more of the Arab people would be behind him. If the situation drags on too long, then you will see more and more and more of the Arab common man with him, and by the time he gets a large number of the Arab common man, they will topple other governments and he will definitely become stronger. That is what he is hoping for, but my prediction is that he will not live to see the day.

If America does launch an offensive against Iraq, do you think Hussein's allies would grow in number simply by virtue of our position as the aggressor?

SHAHEEN: Don't forget we have Arab forces on our side; the whole world is with us in this blockade but more importantly Arab forces are on our side. We have Egypt that has troops in Saudi Arabia, Morocco has

troops in Saudi Arabia, and even Syria has troops in Saudi Arabia to defend Saudi Arabia against Saddam Hussein. And now, I believe, Egypt is going to send many more troops to Saudi Arabia to support the policy that we are carrying out in the area, so we would have lots of Arab support. However, there would be some Arab forces against the attack. Arab forces would come, for example, from Jordan because of the large Palestinian population in Jordan, and you would probably hear of some demonstrations in Libya or Yemen or a couple of other countries. I would call these minor demonstrations that would not amount to much.

What is political opinion toward America, at this time, in Iraq?

SHAHEEN: Don't forget, this guy carried a war with Khomeini for eight years losing millions of people, so you can be sure he has lots of enemies inside Iraq. But they don't dare open their mouth because he is so ruthless. Iraq has about 60 percent Shiites. This is a sect of Islam. He is from a different sect. His sect is about 35 percent or so among the Shiites; there are lots of them who hate his guts. He used poison gas against the Kurds. The Kurds are Iraqis, but they have been at odds with the central government for many years so. About three years

ago, he used poison gas against them. Do you think these people are going to love Saddam Hussein?

Is there a threat to Israel?

SHAHEEN: Israel has a very strong military. Saddam Hussein will not win a war against Israel, but definitely there is a threat not only to Israel but to all the neighboring countries around Iraq because of his poison gas and chemical weapons, and he can deliver them. And he has the potential of using them; he proved he could use them against his own people.

He could use them probably once;

I don't know if he could use them twice because America's might will destroy him by then.

How is this situation affecting this part of the country?

SHAHEEN: This situation affects America, and the whole world, for that matter, because of the oil. Saudi Arabia floats on a sea of oil. More than 25 percent of the oil reserves of the world are in Saudi Arabia. With the crisis in the Middle East, you saw what happened to the price of gasoline. Of course, the price of gasoline did not have to jump the way it did; it shouldn't have. But it's some war psychology and lots of greed; that's why you find that the price of gasoline jumped up so high.

Do you think the oil companies are gouging prices?

SHAHEEN: Absolutely.

What do you think it is going to take to stop them from doing it?

SHAHEEN: Congress should rise to the occasion to create some laws which stop them, in case of an emergency, from price gouging.

What do you think the effect on America would be in case of a war?

SHAHEEN: If there is a war, Saddam Hussein has already said that he will be attacking Saudi Arabia and he also said he will attack Israel if the war breaks out. So, he will be aiming at paralyzing the oil fields.

And, although they are very heavily defended now with America's might over there and it is very reassuring and helpful, some of the missiles will reach their destination and cause some destruction. Despite this, the Saudis will continue to be able to pump and transport oil to the free world. My answer to this question is that it will cause some difficulty and some shortage, but it will not be a major shortage. It will be less than a million barrels per day, and we should be able to conserve and squeeze by without trouble. In fact, we can draw on our petroleum reserves in this case. The main worry is the petroleum psychology and how it works. The petroleum psychology nervously and instantly responds to actions and possibilities of war around the world. So, if war breaks out, because of this psychology, it will effect the prices of oil.

How high do you think prices could go if a war does break out?

SHAHEEN: Because of the oil psychology and not because the eco-

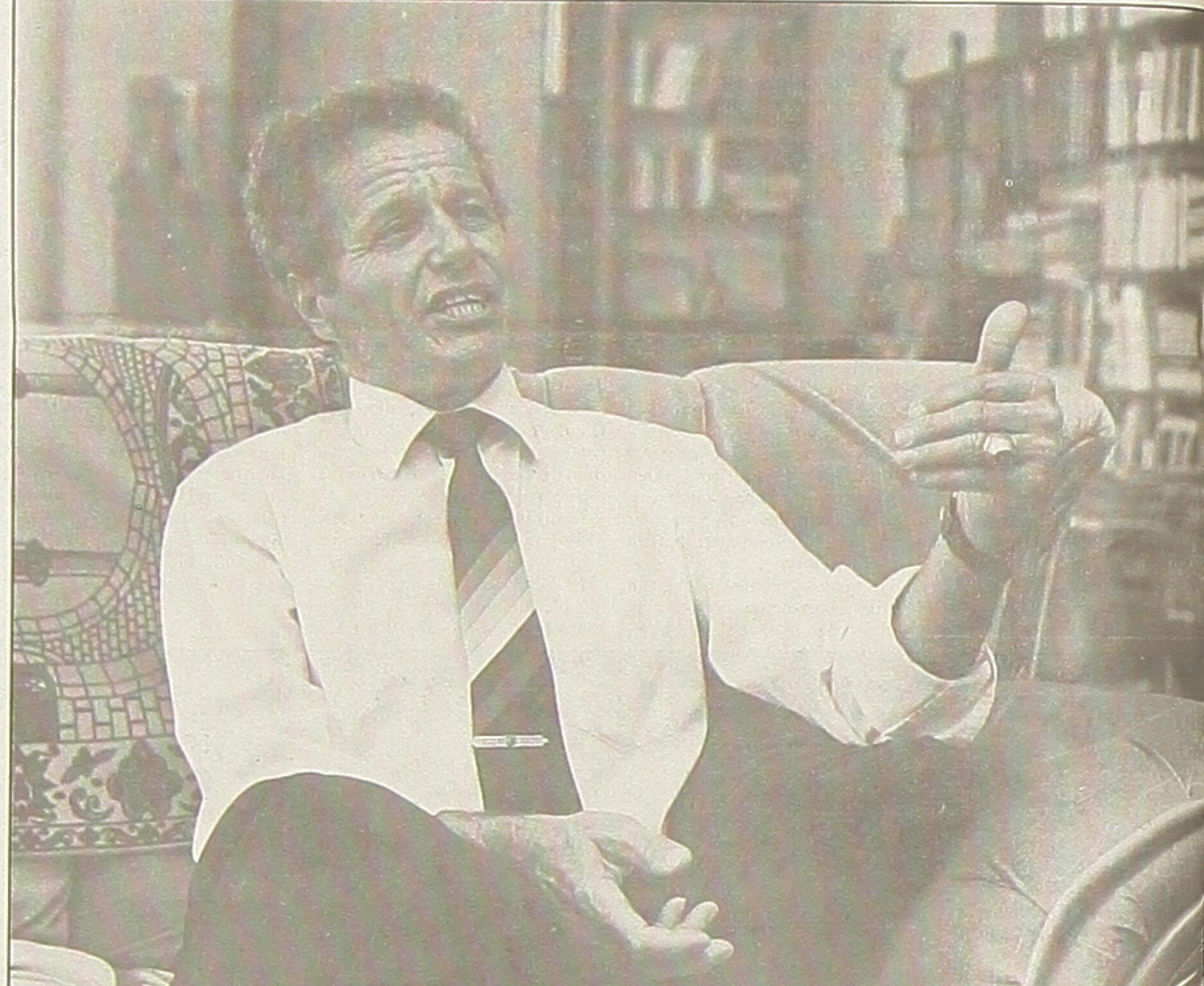
nomics dictate it, prices could go as high as \$35-\$40 per barrel, then, the strategic oil reserves come into play—plus the international energy agency will share the oil reserves they case of such a national emergency and this will come into play.

Do you think this crisis shows us that we need to turn to fuel sources?

SHAHEEN: We don't want to crisis to tell us that we should be the vigil of good research and native sources of energy, we have been doing something in the for many years and should be the vigil, period. The abundant oil, reasonably priced oil, our appetite on the high side. Oil from the region, the gulf region especially, will be able for many years to come at a price that is reasonable and stable to our standard of living. The alternative sources of energy are never going to be able to compete with them. But, definitely, always encourage research and native sources of energy.

What do you see as Saddam's mate goal?

SHAHEEN: His ultimate goal is to drag the situation out as he can because time is on his side. He drags it. The more he drags it, the more time is going to be on his side. But he's not going to live to day.



In tune Dr. Esber Shaheen is currently involved in the revision of a previous work concerning aspects of environmental pollution.

Gulf crisis touches students, staff

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In the wake of the Middle East crisis, rising gas prices may not be the only concern for Missouri Southern students, faculty, and staff.

President Bush's recent decision to activate the nation's reserve forces may already involve more than six students from Southern, according to Jon Johnson, accounts receivable accountant.

Johnson said at least six have withdrawn from the College in anticipation of being called to active duty, and as many as two may have already been mobilized.

Joseph Chadwick, a freshman criminal justice major, expects to be called to active duty sometime this week. He withdrew from classes at Southern when he was placed on alert two weeks ago.

"I talked to my First Sgt., and it came down the line that we were willing to go," Chadwick said, "and our unit will be the first to go in Pittsburg, Kan."

According to Chadwick, he will go to Saudi Arabia or another installation to support troops already

in the Gulf.

"I'll probably go to Ft. Riley, Kan.," he said, "then I'll probably go to the Persian Gulf, or we might get stuck in Germany."

Chadwick serves as a mechanic. His duty in Germany, he said, would be to service German and Italian troops in the Gulf.

Chadwick, who is married, said his pay from the military will be directly deposited into a local account to help support his wife. She will work part-time to supplement that pay.

Chadwick said being called to active duty was only a "vague" thought when he joined the reserves. He admits he is frightened by the prospects of going to war.

"I just know that it's something I have to do, and if something happens, I just have to keep my wits."

He added that when the time comes, he will be ready.

"I take my reserves real seriously and my training real seriously, so if I ever get attacked by poison gasses, I need to be prepared to do what I need to do," he said.

Chadwick has plans to return to Southern when the crisis is resolved.

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior

Another student, Kenny Scoggins, is in the reserves but doesn't believe he will be called.

Scoggins, a platoon leader in a medical platoon, said he fills an administrative capacity. If his unit is called to serve, a doctor who is captain of the unit would take his place.

Major James Dunn, director of the Missouri Southern ROTC program, said Scoggins is not yet qualified in the job he would fill if the unit is activated and, for that reason, would stay behind.

Among faculty and staff in the reserves are Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English; Sam Claussen, assistant professor of theatre; Ron Foster, director of office services; and Dan Fowler, head resident.

Claussen, a radioman with his unit, has been in the reserves 14 years. He said although being called to active duty would present sacrifices, he would be ready to go if needed.

"I wouldn't like to," he said. "I'd drop down in pay, and I'd still have bills coming in. I do have four children which is the most important thing to me, but it is my duty."

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College Policy

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vice president, students who called to active duty will receive on their transcripts and a full refund of fees.

Faculty would receive 15 days of pay, and beyond that, would depend on the military for their port. Tiede said upon the return, faculty and staff would be remanded to their previous pos